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Term 4 Week 2

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Thought for the Week

Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up, figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

Everyone had a wonderful time this afternoon as our infants children participated in their mini sports 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, to all the parents, family and friends for coming along to cheer on the children and most important to Mr Mus for cooling us down! Go Joey's!

KINDER BUDDY LUNCH

The Kinder students and their Year 6 buddies will enjoy a special lunch together next Tuesday, 29 October. The lunch is a way for the Kinder students to thank their Year 6 buddies for all their help and friendship during the year. It should be a scrumptious lunch and a most enjoyable time.

'HEAVE HO OFF WE GO' PERFORMANCE

Next Thursday, 31 October at 2:00 p.m. all students will attend the 'Heave Ho Off We Go' performance. Our minds will be stimulated with amazing illusions performed right before our eyes and our brain cells will be challenged as we try to work out what is actually happening in the seemingly impossible illusions that we witness!

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS – YEAR 3

All children from Kinder to Year 6 will celebrate All Saints Day next Friday, 1 November with Mass at 10:30 a.m. This Mass is being prepared by Year 3 and it would be lovely if as many parents, family and friends as possible could join us. Morning tea will follow and we would appreciate it if you could please bring a plate to share.

POLDING ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our super athletes who competed in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Athletics Championships held in Homebush last Friday. **Ryan Ferguson** competed in the 12 years 100 m, Senior 200 m and Senior Long Jump, **Evie Peart** – 8 years 100 m, **Grace Tancred** – 11 years 800 m, **Lilla Oehm** – 11 years High Jump, **Sam Dunn** – 11 years Long Jump, **Trinity Zell** – 11 years Discus and our Senior Boys Relay team consisting of **Ryan Ferguson, Blake Fairey, Nick Tancred** and **Sam Dunn** also competed. A fabulous achievement by all these athletes.

YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION

Year 2 is busy preparing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a special time for us to admit when we have gone wrong in our lives and say sorry to God. It helps deepen our relationship with God and helps us to grow to become better people. Parents of those children making their Reconciliation for the first time can take their child to Reconciliation on Wednesday, 6 November at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, 9 November at 10:00 a.m. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass on Sunday, 10 November

at 9:30 a.m. This is a special time for Year 2 and we keep all these children in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC 'PUFF & BLOW' MUSIC DEMONSTRATION

On Thursday, 7 November at 11:30 a.m. staff members from the Macquarie Conservatorium of Music will conduct a 'Puff & Blow' music demonstration at school. They will demonstrate a variety of instruments for the children in Years 2-5. Parents are also welcome to attend. A note was sent home on Tuesday containing details of the demonstration and a permission note for completion in the event that your child is interested in learning an instrument next year. Only those students who return the permission note to school will attend the demonstration, so please ensure notes are returned no later than Friday, 1 November.

TALENT QUEST

Our Year 6 leaders are organising a Talent Quest to be staged at school on Wednesday, 6 November at 2:00 p.m. All nominations have now been received. The Talent Quest is a fun afternoon where students from all classes can get up and sing, dance, recite, play an instrument etc. It is totally voluntary and definitely not compulsory. However the act is to be organised by the students and not the teachers. Auditions will commence on Monday, 28 October and continue on Wednesday, 30 October and Friday, 1 November at lunch time before the big day on Wednesday, 6 November.

u-RIPPA

Students from Years 3-6 are excited about participating in the u-Rippa Swimming Program next week. In groups of 15 or 16, the children will spend an hour at the pool completing water safety skills. This will be primary sport for Week 3. Years 4 and 5 will be participating on Tuesday, 29 October and Years 3 and 6 on Wednesday, 30 October. Some Year 5 students will participate on Wednesday instead of Tuesday, but all year 5 students will be advised which day they will need to bring their swimmers. We thank the Gilgandra Panthers for allowing us to use their bus to transport our students to and from the pool.

LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

Just a reminder that ALL late arrivals and early departures need to be reported to Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the office. This includes all departures to appointments throughout the day and it is imperative that children walking to music lessons report their departure and arrival to the office so that we are aware of any children who have left the school unattended. Many thanks for your co-operation in this regard. If you have any queries whatsoever, please contact Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller.

MERIT AWARDS

KINDER: Francis Ibe for thoughtful responses to the Creation Story in Religion, Regan Johnson for always being polite, willing and a helpful member of Kinder, Jakirah McKenzie for confidently reading during our Liturgy practices and Caitlin Younghusband for trying hard to use elaborations in her writing.

YEAR 1: Bayley Dent for working diligently in MiniLit, Eva Mulligan for a consistent effort in all areas, Joe O'Brien for valuable input and participation in Maths and Bella Ferguson for being very helpful and kind.

YEAR 2: Georgia Allan and Caine Bugmy for taking great pride in their Religion work, Jacob Fordham for great work using Maths 'Think Tank' cards and Jagger Hazelton, Jimmy Lesslie, Ryder Larkin and Jock Mills for making fabulous progress in their reading levels.

YEAR 3: Jacqueline Hutchison for conscientious work in all areas, Sophia Peart for being a kind, caring and helpful class member, Te Mana Diamond for fantastic work identifying patterns on a hundreds chart and Vaughan Zell for writing a detailed and descriptive recount of his holidays.

YEAR 4: Riley Fiddes for happily contributing to class discussions, Emma Mills for consistently producing work of a pleasing standard in Maths, Darron Mulligan for trying hard to complete all learning tasks to the best of his ability and Lauren Thurlow for always displaying attentive listening skills.

YEAR 5: Declan Gale for having a focused approach during our writing activities, Molly Nichols for trying hard to improve accuracy when converting between mixed numerals and improper fractions, Henry Purvis for great teamwork during our excursion interview preparation, Millie Spora for showing great sportsmanship during Sport, Brooke Woollams for a positive attitude towards all class activities and Rydah Whitehouse for sharing thoughtful ideas on what makes a good leader.

YEAR 6: Elten Walker for completing his times table sprints with no mistakes, Jasmine Zell for showing huge improvements in times table sprints, Paige Gilmour for displaying exceptional public speaking skills whilst delivering her holiday news and Alana Elsom for consistently returning homework all year.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 2

Thursday, 24 October - Infants Sports Carnival – 2:00 p.m.

WEEK 3

Monday, 28 October - Talent Quest Auditions

Tuesday, 29 October - Kinder Buddy Lunch
- u-Rippa – Years 4 & 5 – 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 30 October - GHS Year 6 Transition – 2:00 to 3:05 p.m.

- Talent Quest Auditions
- u-Rippa – Years 3, 5 & 6 – 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, 31 October - 'Heave Ho Off We Go' Performance – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10.30 a.m.

- Talent Quest Auditions

WEEK 4

Tuesday, 5 November - Kinder Orientation Day
- GHS Year 6 Transition – 2:00 to 3:05 p.m.

Wednesday, 6 November - Melbourne Cup
- Talent Quest – 2:00 p.m.
- Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 7 November - Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- 'Puff & Blow Music Demonstration – 11.30 a.m.

- Junior Joey's to Cooe Lodge

Friday, 8 November - Knowledge Explosion

Saturday, 9 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, 10 November - Year 2 Reconciliation Mass – 9:30 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has certainly had a fantastic week! Today we celebrated our beautiful 'Creation' Liturgy where we were joined by many family and friends and this afternoon we all had a fantastic time at our infants sports carnival. Congratulations to you all for your enthusiasm and great sportsmanship! We enjoyed meeting Mr McGee and reading all about his fun adventure living under the apple tree. In Maths we have been investigating 'friends of ten' and modelling all the combinations using counters. We have also investigated the properties of cubes and spheres. Our new Science unit is called "On The Move" and we will be exploring lots of fun things with Mrs McIsaac. We have donated some colourful artwork to brighten up Cooe Lodge and bring a smile to all the residents. Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 It was lovely to see so many of our parents, family and friends at the infants sports carnival today, thank you for joining us! We had heaps of fun with all the different races. Thank you for helping us to make this a success. This week Year 1 has been learning all about fractions in Maths and how to divide things into $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. In Writing we have continued working on making sentences with strong, meaningful words and how that improves our arguments in persuasive writing. In Geography we have learnt how to care and protect our natural, managed and even constructed places to be conscientious citizens. Our Literacy unit for Weeks 1 and 2 has been 'Princess Smarty Pants' and she has taught us that not all princesses need rescuing and that even princesses have messy hair!

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt

YEAR 2 Wow, what a fun and "hot" mini sports carnival it was today! It was great to see so many family and friends to help us cheer on each other. In the classroom Year 2 has been learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how being sorry for doing something wrong or hurtful and owning up to our mistakes allows God to forgive us. Please return notes indicating if your child can attend the special Mass on Sunday, 10 November. Lots of revision is happening in Spelling and Phonics and Grammar has focused on adverbs. Have a great weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 has begun preparing for the All Saints Day Mass to be held on Friday, 1 November. Please ensure children are practising their readings at home and we look forward to celebrating this special feast. In class we've written an explanation about how rainbows are formed and we have begun researching information about how the earth rotates. On Tuesday with Mrs McIsaac we learned how to use coding. Year 3 used a little toy robot called an 'Ozobot' that can identify lines, colours and codes on a piece of paper. Using this Ozobot Year 3 made the robot move in a number of different directions following their code. The permission notes for our zoo excursion have been sent home, please ensure they are returned as soon as possible. Just a reminder that the zoo projects are due on Monday and these will be presented as part of our news during Weeks 3 and 4. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 There are a lot of exciting things happening this week with students being asked to start thinking about the talent quest. I look forward to seeing the many talents of those students who choose to participate! Students have also been able to choose a topic they would like to learn more about for knowledge explosion which is coming up in Weeks 4 and 5. This week we have been revising sentence structure in Grammar. We have also been learning about implementing 'tightening tension' and 'exciting endings' into our persuasive texts. Students have been enjoying learning about packaging in Science and are getting excited about completing their design brief. Have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 This week Year 5 has been looking at prefixes and suffixes in Grammar whilst in Writing we have been spending time drafting our upcoming policy speeches. Our excursion preparation is well underway as we continue to learn all our fast facts as well as finish writing our interviews for our chosen destinations. On Tuesday we were lucky enough to get a glimpse of what to expect during our visit to State Parliament House as we did an 'incursion' using our school's video conference system to connect with the Sergeant at Arms and the Usher of the Black Rod at NSW Parliament House. Just a reminder if you haven't brought back your policy speech timetable note or your excursion permission note we would love them back as soon as possible. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 Week 2 was off with a bang as the Year 6 students visited each classroom to discuss the upcoming talent quest. Many acts have been entered and the excitement is building as performance day fast approaches. Year 6 was involved in their first high school transition this week and had an absolute blast! The students experienced a taste of the science lab and the metal work room where they worked hands on with other future Year 7 students. We look forward to our next transition day! In the classroom we have continued diving further into our Sydney Excursion preparations which have heavily reflected our History and English units. We have also undertaken some quick quizzes to test those fast facts!
Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 25 October - Jodie Johnson & Lorraine Hutchison
Monday, 28 October - Danielle Bonnington & Michelle O'Brien
Wednesday, 30 October - Jade Zell & Simone Beaton
Friday, 1 November - Alicia Heffer & Danelle Jones

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 27 October - Millie Spora, Emmie Peart, Lilla Oehm

