

ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 2

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Thought for the Week

The members of a family are like branches on a tree – we all grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.



ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

HIGH DISTINCTION TO JESSICA IBE!

Congratulations to **Jessica Ibe** who gained a High Distinction in the recent ICAS English Competition. This means Jessica's results placed her in the top 1% of all participants in Australia. Well done Jessica! Other fantastic results included: *Distinction*: **Hayden Ferguson, Eva Bonnington, Hudson Duffy.**

Credit: **Emily Zell, Kate Woollams, Jack Oehm, Emma Durrant, Rhys Bonnington, Nick Tancred, Sienna Zell, Lilla Oehm, Taylor Hayes, Isabelle Mudford, Eliza Mudford, Darcy Morris, Amity Chapman.**

Merit: **Oscar Spora, Kyzack Corcoran, William Spora, Ava Meyers, Alana Elsom, Chelsea Brand, Ethan Morris, Michael Ibe, Kimbalee Gilmour, Alex Gaff, Carter Chapman, Tia Allan, Stella Valler, Darron Mulligan, Hope Jones-Copelin, Bonica Henry.** Congratulations to all these students.

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENT – YEAR 6

Year 6 travelled to Dubbo on Monday to join with over 700 other students from our diocese in a praise and worship event with Fr Rob Galea. Fr Rob's live band had us all up dancing and singing and we heard some powerful messages about overcoming struggles in our lives in order to live an awesome life! We thank the Bathurst Diocese for providing this uplifting opportunity for our Year 6 leaders.

MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC - 'PUFF & BLOW' MUSIC DEMONSTRATION

We had members from the Macquarie Conservatorium of Music visit our school on Tuesday to conduct a 'Puff & Blow' music demonstration. They demonstrated a variety of instruments for the children in Years 2-5. We have a number of children already learning a musical instrument through the weekly visits by Mr Nick Evans from the conservatorium and the demonstration on Tuesday was to give anyone else who may have been interested a try.

POPPY PHOTO TOMORROW

Tomorrow the whole school is going to have a photo taken with the poppies. Our Year 6 leaders decided to grow the poppies as a sign of respect for those who have served our country and the Centenary of Armistice. It would be appreciated if everyone is at school tomorrow for this photo. Lest We Forget.

KINDER BUDDY LUNCH

The Kinder students and their Year 6 buddies will enjoy a special lunch together next Tuesday, 30 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.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS – YEAR 3

All children from Kinder to Year 6 will celebrate All Saints Day next Thursday, 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.

YEAR 1 POLICE STATION VISIT

Our Year 1 students are looking forward to their visit to the Police Station on Friday, 2 November. This excursion is part of the Year 1 Geography unit, 'People and Places'. We thank Senior Constable King for organising this visit.

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 Tuesday, 13 November at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, 17 November at 10:00 a.m. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass on Sunday, 25 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.

PRIMARY SPORT – THE POOL IS OPEN!

We have received news that the Gilgandra swimming pool is open which means that all students will be swimming for sport on Thursdays, weather permitting. Students are to wear their sports uniform on Thursdays and bring their swimmers, towel and pool entry fee of \$1.00, if you don't have a season ticket.

TALENT QUEST

Our Year 6 leaders are organising a Talent Quest to be staged at school on Wednesday, 7 November at 2:00 p.m. The Year 6 students will visit the classrooms on Tuesday to explain how the Talent Quest works and gather nominations. 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. From the nominations received, auditions will be held next Wednesday, 31 October and Thursday, 1 November at lunch time before the big day on Wednesday, 7 November.

LIBRARY NEWS

Yesterday the Library had a visit from Ross and Roger from Book4 Outback. This initiative brings donated books from schools and libraries in the Newcastle region to Western NSW. We have been lucky enough to receive approximately 200 books, some of which will be distributed to students during library lessons. We thank Book4 Outback for this very generous donation.
Mrs McIsaac & Mrs Thomas

GILGANDRA WEEKLY YOUNG SPORTSPERSON

You may have seen recently in the Gilgandra Weekly profiles on Gilgandra's young sports people. If you would like your child's story to appear in the Weekly, forms are available from the office.

KIDS HALLOWEEN DISCO PARTY

A kids Halloween disco party will be held on Saturday, 27 October from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m at Sporties. The cost is \$5.00 per child and is for ages 2 – 12 years. A light meal and lots of treats will be provided. Prizes will be on offer for the 10 best fancy dress costumes. The event will be held outside and adult supervision is required. Parents are required to remain on the premises for the duration of the event and sign children out at the conclusion. Please contact Sporties on 6847 2105 to register your child and pay at the door on the night.

OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT HOSTING

World Education Program ("WEP") Australia, a not-for-profit student exchange organisation, is currently seeking local families to host overseas exchange students arriving in Australia in July 2019. For more information please visit www.wep.org.au/host or request a free information pack by SMS'ing "HOST" to 0428 246 633.

FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE INFORMATION SESSION

A Farm Household Allowance Information Session will be held on Saturday, 10 November from 10:00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at the Dubbo Service Centre, 64 Wingewarra Street, Dubbo. This Allowance is a payment to help farmers and their partners facing financial hardship. Take your identification, income and assets documents with you to the session and you will be assisted in making a claim. For more information about this event please phone (02) 6826 9055.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Akhiro Baker for super work with money and Mitchell Cosier, Connor Jones-Copelin and Thomas McIsaac for writing a top story about a pirate ship.

YEAR 1: Tilly Tancred for consistently giving of her best, Ivy Murphy for good work in Maths, Ruby Ryan for great effort in Spelling and Jagger Hazelton for a wonderful holiday recount.

YEAR 2: Lachlan Profke for taking more care to be neater, Olivia Westwood for taking care to set work out neatly, Mia Ferguson for working hard in Maths, Brooke Beaton and Kenedi Hazelton for a huge improvement in home reading, Angus Johnson for working carefully in Spelling and sentence activities and Alex Cosier for working well independently and being more responsible.

YEAR 3: Will O'Connor for a great effort to improve his handwriting, Mitchell Fuller for working hard in Comprehension, Orlando Ryan for an improved effort in Literacy Pro and Jessica Ibe for always helping others.

YEAR 4: Rani Diamond for trying hard to improve during Spelling activities, Blake Fairey and Michael Ibe for working well during timed writing tasks, Henry Purvis for writing a great holiday recount and Will Youngusband for trying hard to improve accuracy during Maths Operations.

YEAR 5: Lucy Kilpatrick for outstanding bookwork in Geography, Lucy McIsaac for thought provoking contributions to class discussions, Ben Standing for exceptional improvement in handwriting and bookwork and Ben Harland for insightful reflections on personal goals for Term 4.

YEAR 6: Kyzack Corcoran for working well in Spelling Groups, Layney Godber for accurate use of the colon in Grammar, Oscar Spora and Isaac Grimshaw for multiplying fractions with accuracy.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 2

Thursday, 25 October - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 3 Year 5 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 30 October - Kinder Buddy Lunch

Wednesday, 31 October - Talent Quest Auditions – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.

- Talent Quest Auditions – 1:00 p.m.

Friday, 2 November - Year 1 Police Station Visit

WEEK 4

Tuesday, 6 November - Kinder Orientation Day

Wednesday, 7 November - Talent Quest – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, 8 November - Principals Meeting

- Remembrance Day Communion Service –

Year 5 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 9 November - Principals Meeting

- Year 3 Zoo Excursion

- Canberra Excursion Expo – Years 5 & 6 – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, 11 November - Remembrance Day – Armistice Centenary

WEEK 5 Year 4 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 13 November - Year 2 First Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 15 November - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials

- Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 16 November - Knowledge Explosion

Saturday, 17 November - Year 2 First Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

WEEK 6

Tuesday, 20 November - P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, 23 November - Knowledge Explosion

Sunday, 25 November - Christ the King Sunday Mass – Year 2 – 9:30 a.m.

WEEK 7 Year 6 Reconciliation

Monday, 26 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches

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Wednesday, 28 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches

- Kinder Cooee Visit – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, 29 November - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday, 2 December - First Sunday of Advent

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Thank you to Kindergarten for your beautiful reading, singing and reflection during our Creation Liturgy today. It was lovely to see so many family and friends join us for this celebration. This week we really enjoyed reading Pamela Allen's 'Mr McGee'. He certainly gets into lots of tricky situations! We discussed that nouns are naming words and we located lots of them in the book. In Maths we practised adding friends of 10 and ordering numbers to 30. We also made a train using 2D shapes. Our poppies in the garden are looking fantastic! We read about the significance of the poppies and how they remind us of all the brave men and women who were involved in World War I. We enjoyed having our class pet 'Tweety' back for a visit this week. He certainly loves to tweet!! Have a great weekend everyone.

Miss Smith & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 1 This week we revised narratives and have written a class story about Sir Burp and a dragon. In Maths we investigated groupings and consolidated our knowledge of digital time. In Spelling we put our spelling words in alphabetical order and are revising prepositions in Grammar. In Religion we are reading the story of 'Joseph the Dreamer' and are working on a comic strip to depict the story. In Art we paper chipped a gecko to camouflage with his environment. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Schier

YEAR 2 Thanks Mrs McIsaac for bringing the wriggly meal worms – we love the new Science unit 'Watch It Grow'. In Maths we explored 3D sketches, wordy problems and trading using subtraction. Articles (a, an, the) and adverbs have been the focus in Grammar and the "s, ss, ce" sound in Spelling is the main theme this week. In Religion we discussed the importance of the poppy during Remembrance Day services and we have been amazed at how tall the poppies in the planter boxes have grown. Year 2 celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this term and we began this important unit this week. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Harvey

YEAR 3 has begun preparing for the 'All Saints Day' Mass next Thursday. Please ensure children are practising their readings at home and we look forward to celebrating this special feast next week. In class we have written a recount of our holidays and also looked at some sizzling starts that occur in some of our favourite movies. We have also started looking at examples of 'Explanations'. In Art we have been creating 'Willy Wonka Hat' artworks and they are looking sensational. The permission notes for our Zoo excursion have been sent home, please ensure it is returned ASAP. Just a reminder that the zoo projects are due on Monday. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Morris & Mrs Colwell

YEAR 4 This week Year 4 has been busy looking at writing persuasive texts using the 7-Steps program. We spent some time looking at how advertisements use elements of persuasion to convince people as well as taking time to plan for success. During Maths we examined how to use and read calendars as well as converting fractions to decimals once again. In Geography we researched what it means to be 'sustainable' as we begin the planning of our community in groups. In ICT we are learning to use Google Slides and its many features as we research a country of our choice. Have a great weekend.

Mr Keady & Miss Giffin

YEAR 5 has had a busy week in English revising our sizzling starts in our writing, exploring prefixes and suffixes in Grammar and reading our class novel 'Tom Appleby'. We have started our new Religion unit called 'The History of the Church in Australia' where we will learn about the struggles the early settlers had trying to practise their faith and the important people who helped shape the Catholic Church in Australia and our parish. During Maths we have looked at adding and subtracting decimals, systematically recording possible combinations of chance experiments and matching nets to 3D shapes. There have been some remarkable improvements in lexile levels recently - well done for your continued enthusiasm with your home reading!

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

YEAR 6 had a fabulous time with Fr Rob Galea on Monday. We had lots of fun singing, dancing, grooving and learning throughout the day! In Maths this week we have focused on multiplication, percentages and fractions. We have learnt about the semi colon and its use in Grammar. In Geography our activities have focused on learning about Antarctica and what makes it so unique. Year 6 are very excited for the Kinder Buddy Lunch on Tuesday and also the start of the talent quest auditions. Thank you for all of the photos that I have received so far for the end of year slideshow. Have a great weekend!

Mr Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 26 October - Lorraine Hutchison & Jo Lummis

Monday, 29 October - Justin & Toni Fuller

Wednesday, 31 October - Sophia Ibe & Alicia Heffer

Friday, 2 November - Sheree Staggs & Rachel McMahon

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 14 October - Luke O'Neill & Aiden Walker

