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Term 4 Week 3

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION CLASS

A beautiful celebration was held at St Joseph's Church on Sunday as 9 candidates were presented to Bishop Michael McKenna and Fr Martin O'Mahony for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The whole Year 6 class completed the Confirmation program and it was wonderful to see these classmates, other members of the school community, parishioners, family and friends in church on Sunday to witness this important step in the faith journey of these young people. A celebration breakfast was held in the school hall following Mass. Our 2014 Confirmation class consisted of: **Kelly Anforth, Charlotte Banks, Liberty Barden, Harriet Beveridge, Jack Bonus-Straub, Kayla Bonus-Straub, Mitchell Carlow, Tobey Creenaune, Maddie Eason, Matthew Ferguson, Isaac Frost, Mitchell Gaff, Shari Grimshaw, Georgia Horan, Daimon Horne, Sebastian Jackson, Brock Johnston, Deklyn Lummis, Grace Lummis, Montana McGrath, Spencer McIntosh, James O'Neill, John Raglus, Noah Ryan, Caitlin Spora, John Spora, Kyle Welsh.** Many thanks to Mrs Banks and Mrs Thomas for preparing the children for this Sacrament, to the staff and students of our school for their reverent participation at Mass and fantastic help in decorating the hall, the Year 5 parents for preparing and serving the morning tea and the parents of the Confirmation class for working with the school during this important time.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 25 October – Only 1 week to go!

ROSTER Accompanying today's About is a second copy of the fete roster. **We still have lots of gaps to fill!** We need mums and dads to help so please put your name down. If everyone helps out on the day for just one hour, then all gaps would be easily filled. The contributions made by the P & F to our school are so generous and every child benefits from these donations. So, come on, put your name down and please return the roster by next Tuesday, 28 October. Some people who have offered to help on a certain stall at a certain time may have been changed around. If there are any problems, please let us know.

CAKE/PRODUCE, TOMBULL, 'EVERYONE'S A WINNER'

STALLS Don't forget donations to these stalls. They can only be successful if we receive goods to sell. Hopefully we will receive lots of goodies in the week ahead! **Just a reminder there are containers in the office for parents to pick up to fill for the cake stall. Donations for the cake stall can be dropped in at school any time on the Friday.**

COW PAT LOTTO At the fete each year we have a Cow Pat Lotto. We erect a yard with an area of 400 square metres. You then have the chance to purchase one or more of these one metre squares for \$5.00 per square. A cow is let loose in the yard and if you own the square where the first dropping lands, then you win \$1000.00! **All sold tickets need to be returned to school tomorrow, Friday, 24 October.**

COW PAT LOTTO TICKET SELLERS We will be visiting the pubs and clubs next Friday night to sell cow pat lotto tickets. If you would like to help, please meet at the Tatts Hotel at 5:15 p.m.

KINDER LITURGY

Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy on Thursday, 30 October at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

ICAS MATHS COMPETITIONS

We had some excellent results in the ICAS Maths Competitions that were held last term. Congratulations to the following students who received their Certificates at Assembly yesterday:

Distinction: Patrick Spora, Hamish Beveridge

Credit: Skye Bui, Anton Davis, Sophie Hassall, Kelsey Hutchison, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Harrison King, Bob McEwen, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Michael Raglus, Lucy Davis, Emilie Hassall, Aiden Ryan, Kyle Welsh

Merit: Marshall Fairey, James Ferguson, Laura Smith, Lachlan Fairey, James Kildey, Caitlin Spora

OCTOBER P & F MEETING

Thank you to those parents who attended the October P & F Meeting held at school on Tuesday. New library books, shade shelter, classroom readers, computer software, Knowledge Explosion resources were purchased along with the P & F's contribution to the continued upgrade of computers in the school. A total of \$7262 was donated to the school for these resources. We thank the P & F for their amazing generosity. With the fete on next week hopefully we will see lots of parents and friends helping out. The date of the November P & F Meeting has been changed to Tuesday 25 November and will be held at the Tatts Hotel starting 7:30pm.

Mrs Hodge

We were saddened to hear the news that Mrs Hodge's mother, Mrs Lorna Campbell died on Monday. Please keep Heather & Michael, Mal & Myra and Helen & Bill and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

CRAZY BEARD DAY

Tomorrow 24 October

Tomorrow is the big day to come to school, out of uniform, wearing your crazy beard. The Beard Parade will now be at 12:30pm due to Mrs Campbell's funeral being held at 11:00am. Prizes for the craziest and most colourful beards will be awarded at the parade. Bring along your sponsorship forms as all money raised will be donated to the Gilgandra and District Cancer Fundraisers. Mr Keady, Mr Soares and Mr Musgrave lose their beards tomorrow!

YEARS 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION EXPO

Tomorrow 24 October 2pm

Tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. we get the opportunity to relive all the thrills and spills of the Years 5/6 Canberra Excursion. There will be a DVD, photos and booklets on display. Therefore all family and friends of the Years 5/6 students are invited to join in the fun of the expo.

SCHOOL BASED SWIMS SAFE LESSONS

With the swimming season just about to begin our school is once again participating in a school based swimsafe program run by Gilgandra Learn to Swim. These lessons are for children from Kinder to Year 2 and are held during school time with qualified Austswim instructors. The children will be involved in the swimming lessons for ten days from Monday, 1 December to Friday, 12 December at a cost of \$65.00 (this does not include pool entry). We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills. Enrolment forms were given to each Infants child last week. **Please return the forms and money to school by Friday, 31 October.**

WEEK 3

Friday, 24 October	-	Crazy Beard Day – Gilgandra & District Cancer Fundraisers
	-	Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy Expo – 2:00 p.m.
	-	Cow Pat Lotto Selling 5:15 pm

WEEK 4 *Year 4 Reconciliation*

Wednesday, 29 October	-	Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
Thursday, 30 October	-	Principals' Meeting
	-	St John's College Band – 9:00am
	-	Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
	-	Fete
Friday, 31 October	-	All Saints Day
Saturday, 1 November	-	All Souls Day

WEEK 5 *Year 5 Reconciliation*

Wednesday, 5 November	-	Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
Thursday, 6 November	-	Years 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
	-	Backyard League – Years 3-6
Friday, 7 November	-	Knowledge Explosion

WEEK 6 *Year 2 Reconciliation*

Monday, 10 November	-	'Beating Around The Bush' Performance – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 11 November	-	Remembrance Day Mass – Year 5 (K-5) – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 13 November	-	Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
	-	Backyard League – Years 3-6

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Molly Nichols** for writing a great story about a princess who lost her crown, **Nick Kirsop** for writing a terrific story about a scary night, **Blake Fairey** for his brilliant drawings on how to keep our school clean, **Taylor Statham** for being reverent during prayer, **Grace Tancred** for beautiful illustrations in Story Writing, **Michael Ibe** for an excellent story about a haunted house and **Rachel Ryan** for trying really hard in all subjects.

YEAR 1: **Ben Harland** for working hard to add using the jump strategy, **Jasmine Zell** for working hard to find the area of various shapes, **Jett Tarrant** for expertly displaying data in a graph, **Lucy McIsaac** for writing a creative narrative, **Hayden Ferguson** for writing an imaginative narrative and **Ryan Ferguson** for rounding off numbers well in Maths.

YEAR 2: **Zahlia Proctor** for a fantastic illustration of a princess, **Richard Glover** for reading with great fluency and expression, **Emma Westwood** for a terrific effort in Maths Operations, **Daniel Kirsop** for a well delivered news item and **Jade Elsom** for a positive approach to all tasks.

YEAR 3: **Harrison King** for trying hard to compete all set tasks, **Tayarna McKenzie** for always using her manners, **Olivia McClelland** for asking questions to clarify understanding, **Rani Diggs** for carefully setting out her procedure, **Mason Fryers** for always 'Giving Of His Best' and **Tylah Anforth** for taking pride in all her book work.

YEAR 4: **Hamish Beveridge**, **Madison Hourigan** and **Olivia Ferguson** for excellent results in Number Operations, **Oli Schier** for a tremendous effort in all tasks and **Ashleigh Carlow** for consistent and diligent application to her class work.

YEAR 5: **Chloe Godber** for a great effort in planning her policy speech, **Martin Fryers** for a consistent effort in homework tasks and **Aiden Ryan** for working hard to continually producing quality work.

YEAR 6: **James O'Neill** and **Mitchell Gaff** for thoughtful and reverent contributions to our Confirmation lessons, **Sebastian Jackson** for beautiful bookwork in Spelling and **Georgia Horan** for being a cheerful and enthusiastic member of Year 6.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Thank you to all the Kinder children who came to celebrate Confirmation with their buddies on Sunday. It was a beautiful Mass and we wish all our Year 6 buddies many special blessings. This week in Kinder we have been writing some amazing recounts and interesting facts about our pets. We also read the picture book "My Cat Maisie" by Pamela Allen and discussed some of the other books she has written. In Science we began our investigations into objects that break down in our environment and those that remain unchanged. We can't wait to observe what happens and record our findings. In Maths we have been concentrating on area and subtraction along with remembering where our left and right arms and feet are!! We are busily preparing for our Liturgy next week so remember to practise your readings and invite all your family and friends along. Don't forget your beards and donations tomorrow! Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 1 We celebrated a lovely liturgy this morning. A big thank you to all the friends and family who came to celebrate with us. Congratulations also to our Year 6 leaders who celebrated Confirmation last Sunday. In spelling this week we have learnt about the 'pr' sound and in writing we have published our narratives on the computers. For comprehension this week we have read and discussed "Stick Man" by Julia Donaldson and have completed a variety of activities about this book including sequencing, close passages and an artwork. For HSIE we have further explored our families by watching a short video about families through the ages and have filled in our own basic family tree. In Maths this week we solved a variety of number problems, used a number line to complete repeated addition and identified faces, edges and vertices of 3D shapes. We are looking forward to Crazy Beard Day tomorrow. I hope everyone has a lovely weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 2 has been enjoying reading "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang". We've created some advertisement posters of the car and are writing expositions focusing on using persuasive language. Last Friday we had a blast creating models of transport. Everyone was very imaginative and some wonderful creations were constructed. Thank you to those Year 2 students who attended Confirmation on Sunday. It was great that you could celebrate with our Year 6 friends. We are looking forward to the beard shave off tomorrow and to see everyone's creative beards. Don't forget out of uniform and your sponsorship forms! *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 has had another busy week. Congratulations to our Confirmation class! In Text Types we have learnt about explanations and we wrote an explanation about the water cycle. We have been doing some revision activities in Grammar, which have included pronouns, common nouns and proper nouns. In Maths we have been examining likelihood, during this activity we were able to make some spinners to help us learn about this concept. We have started a weaving activity in Art, it's great to see how carefully we have been measuring and cutting out to make our patterns. In Comprehension we read an interesting exposition that was trying to convince us to look after our pets. Can't wait to see all the beards tomorrow! *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 It's great to be back! A HUGE thank you to Mr Langes for looking after Year 4 while I was away. During the week we've covered decimals, squared numbers and problem solving in Maths and focused in HSIE on the attributes of national parks and the varied landscapes that make up these natural wonders. In Religion we looked at how saints lived the Gospel message and used prayer in their everyday lives. Congratulations to Year 6 on a beautiful Confirmation Mass on Sunday. Year 4, please help out for the tombuli stand at our fete – we need donations!! Looking forward to all the crazy beards tomorrow and don't forget your sponsorship forms! *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 5 A huge thank you to all of the parents and students who came along last Sunday to help celebrate Confirmation with Year 6. The weeks are certainly flying by in Year 5 as we have been powering through our content for this term. It has been fantastic to read a number of draft policy speeches that have been written so far, they have all been fantastic and I am sure they will be brilliantly presented later on in the term. In HSIE this term we are looking at disasters and this week took some time to research some modern day disasters that we can remember hearing or seeing. We will create a powerpoint on our disasters next week. Tomorrow we will have not only our Crazy Beard Day but also our Canberra/ Snowy expo after lunch so please come along and join us as we revisit the highlights from our trip this year. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 Congratulations Year 6 on such a wonderful Confirmation celebration last Sunday. You are to be commended on your reverence on the day and on the way you prepared yourselves – you really committed yourselves to understanding the importance of the sacrament. We are immensely proud of you all. This week in Maths we are investigating a hectare and comparing it to our school playground. We are also revising multiplying and dividing fractions. It is revision week in Spelling and our Grammar focus is hyphens. Tomorrow is going to be fabulous as we get to see everyone's crazy beards and of course we get to enjoy the Canberra Excursion again at the Expo! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 24 October – Tracey Tate & Leanne Glover
Monday, 27 October – Kristy Gale
Wednesday, 29 October – Melissa Welsh & Bill Welsh
Friday, 31 October – FETE – CANTEEN CLOSED

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 26 October – Georgia Horan, Matthew Ferguson, Olivia Newstead, Montana McGrath