

ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 3

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Thought for the Week

Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud!



ST JOHN'S BARADINE HORSE SPORTS DAY

We had eight students, Emily Skinner, Abbie Skinner, Isabelle Mudford, Emma Mills, Jett Chandler, Tilla Chandler, Adison Thomas and Caity Neeves, represent our school at the Baradine Horse Sports last Friday, 21 October. All the children were very well behaved and rode beautifully coming away with 34 ribbons in total! Special mention to Adison Thomas who was named champion in her age group. Our thanks to all the parents for their valuable assistance on the day. Well done Adison!

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 tomorrow, 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.

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 last week. I encourage all parents of Year 6 students to discuss this program with their child. Completed forms need to be returned to school by tomorrow, 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.

YEAR 1 POLICE STATION VISIT

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

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

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

PUPIL FREE DAY

We had a most successful inservice yesterday addressing essential vocabulary for each class and suggested practices to support student learning of the vocabulary. The teachers now look forward to implementing these strategies and hopefully the children's level of comprehension will improve.

YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION

Year 2 has been very 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 next Thursday, 3 November at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, 12 November at 10:00 a.m. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass on Sunday, 20 November at 9:45 a.m. during which the certificates will be

presented to the Year 2 class. This is a special time for Year 2 and we keep all these children in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

TALENT QUEST

Our Year 6 leaders are organising a Talent Quest to be staged at school on Friday, 18 November at 2:00 p.m. The Year 6 students visited the classrooms on Tuesday explaining how the Talent Quest works and that nominations need to be handed in by tomorrow. 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. If we get enough nominations we will audition the acts first before the big day on Friday, 18 November.

ABSENTEE NOTES VIA THE SCHOOL APP

Unfortunately the Absentee Form on our school app was not working for the first two weeks of this term. The problem has now been rectified. If you filled out an absentee form on the app during this period, could you please redo the form, or ring and let Mrs Hodge know the reason for your child's absence.

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.

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.

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.

ORANA RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay For Life is an overnight, community event where teams participate in a relay-style walk or run to raise funds for Cancer Council NSW. The events bring the whole community together for a night of fun, entertainment, celebration and remembrance. The Orana Relay For Life will be held at DCL Park Athletics Track, North Dubbo on 5th & 6th November. You can register a team at relayforlife.org.au and search 'Orana'. For further information contact Jason Dearmer on 0420949972 or via email at oranarelayforlife@gmail.com.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Ava Lacey** for her great expression when reading, **Sophia Peart** for 'Giving Of Her Best' in all areas, **Makynli Hazelton** for her confidence during news and her listening skills, **Te Mana Diamond** for enthusiastically learning his sight words, **Angus Johnson** for his enthusiasm when learning new sounds and **Mia Ferguson** for contributing to words and ideas during Story Writing.

YEAR 1: **Mitchell Fuller** and **Isabelle Mudford** for great work in Maths using money, **Adison Thomas** for an improved effort with reading, **Lauren Thurlow** for trying hard in Comprehension groups and **Abbie Skinner** for trying hard to be organised and responsible.

YEAR 2: **Jordan Neeves** for wonderful reading with fluency, **Ryder Ryan** for working well independently, **Ryda Whitehouse** for excellent responses in Problem A Day, **Ethan Morris** for working well independently in all areas, **Alex Gaff** for pleasing Sentence A Day presentations and **Sienna Zell** for outstanding bookwork in all subjects.

YEAR 3: **Jasmine Zell** for working hard in Text Types, **Ben Standing** for making an extra effort to work neatly and **Billie Allan** and **Will Spora** for outstanding handwriting with joined letters.

YEAR 4: **Emily Zell** and **Aiden Walker** for working well as a pair to write a creative and entertaining narrative and **Ry Heffer** and **Chloe Mudford** for demonstrating super sewing skills.

YEAR 5: **Joshua Purvis** for working collaboratively in his geography group creating a poster, **Jessica Scholte** for always asking questions to clarify understanding, **Patrick Spora** for working hard to think of detailed language to use in writing, **Samantha Miller** for always being willing to help others and **Laura Younghusband** for showing determination with activities during Maths.

YEAR 6: **Charlie Banks** for an improved effort in all class activities, **Hamish Beveridge** for outstanding results in problem solving and **Ashleigh Carlow** for taking care with her bookwork.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3 - Year 3 Reconciliation

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 Cooee 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
Thursday, 10 November - Talent Quest Auditions – 1:00 p.m.
Friday, 11 November - Remembrance Day - Communion Service – Year 5 (K-5) 10:30 a.m.
- Talent Quest Auditions – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, 12 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

WEEK 6

Tuesday, 15 November - Kinder Orientation Day
- P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 16 November - MCCL Meeting
- Junior Joey's visit to Cooee Lodge
Thursday, 17 November - AECG Meeting
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 18 November - Talent Quest – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, 20 November - Christ the King Mass – Year 2 – 9:45 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has been focusing on the 'ch' sound this week. We began by learning a new jolly phonics song based on this sound and then brainstormed words with 'ch' in them at the beginning, in the middle or at the end. Next week's sound is 'wh' so start thinking of words or things beginning with this sound for our sound table. In reading we have been sequencing and have been making predictions what a story is about based on the title and the images in the book. We also summarised the story in our own words, what happened in the beginning, in the middle and at the end. In Story Writing we have been concentrating on what to include in a sentence. During our Science and Technology unit, 'On the Move' we

had a short discussion about what could be transported in the sky, on land and on water. We read an information report on cars in the past and types of cars used today. In Mathematics we have been learning how to count groups and rows, how many is in each group or row and how many there are in a group altogether. During PDHPE students discussed the meaning of 'trust' and what signs might indicate when to trust or not trust someone. In our Geography unit, 'Special Places' we looked at a map of a house and had discussion about how it might be different compared to our own houses. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

Bourke

YEAR 1 Thank you to everyone who came along to our Liturgy today. It was great to see so many family and friends there to enjoy the celebration. This week we read our new Julia Donaldson book, "Room on the Broom". One of our tasks was to use our imagination and explain where we thought the witch was flying to. We certainly came up with some entertaining places! In Maths we have used a metre ruler to measure objects in our classroom, practised the jump strategy for addition and tried rounding numbers to the nearest 10. We enjoyed making Jack-o'-lanterns in Art and completing our creation pictures. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 Welcome back Miss Harvey! We have all enjoyed hearing about your adventures in Ireland. This week we have enjoyed writing expositions about how great it would be to join the circus – travelling the world, no school and of course, free popcorn!! In Grammar we are investigating adverbs and are revising our many rules in Spelling. In Geography we discussed natural and man made landmarks and in Art we are drawing ourselves as acrobats on a flying trapeze. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week in writing we have been focusing on procedures. We made some paper plate funny faces in Art and then we wrote a procedure explaining the process. During Maths we continued to learn about 'gozintas' and how they can help us with more complex division number sentences. In Religion we have been preparing for our All Saints Day Mass next Tuesday and learning about the amazing lives of some saints and heroes. One more sleep until we head off to the Dubbo Zoo!! We are extremely excited and can't wait to spend the day together looking at all the animals. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 This week we've been exploring adverbs in Grammar while in Writing we've been using an app on the iPads called "Book Creator" to publish the fairy tales we wrote last week. Our class novel this term is "The Magician's Elephant" which is about a young orphan boy and his journey to find his lost sister. During Maths we've practised contracted multiplication and have been learning to order and round decimals. In Geography we've read about the formation of rivers and looked at various photographs and determined what stage of the river each photo is taken from. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 This week in Year 5 we have been sharing our policy speeches with the class and they are all sounding fabulous. In Grammar we have been spending time investigating the role of verb tense and how it can change the meaning of sentences. Maths time has been spent looking at rounding numbers and making maps using coordinates. Our Religion lessons this week have been researching the Anointing of the Sick as well as creating artworks for our Remembrance Day service later in the term. We have finally finished out paper mache hot air balloons and they are brilliant. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 has been learning about negative numbers, multiplication, choosing units and measuring devices in Maths. In Grammar our focus has been on the hyphen and how to use it correctly in context. We learnt about how to locate different books in the bible and we also located the Old and the New Testament. In Geography we have started to learn about Antarctica; we watched some short clips then listed and discussed different facts. We had lots of fun today at Cooee Lodge during their Grandparents Day. Have great weekend. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 28 October – Roz Zell & Alicia Heffer
Monday, 31 October – Toni Fuller & Justin Fuller
Wednesday, 2 November – Kylie Carlow & Jacinta Ferguson
Friday, 4 November – Paula Purvis & Rochelle Harmer

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 30 October – Marshall Fairey, Lachlan Fairey, James O'Neill, Rhys O'Neill

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