



ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 3

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Thought for the Week

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

CONFIRMATION

This Sunday, 1 November

All is ready for our Confirmation Mass that will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church this **Sunday, 1 November**. We are all very excited and the countdown is on! Attendance at the Confirmation Mass is invitation only due to COVID restrictions. Please keep our Year 6 students in your thoughts and prayers: **Tia Allan, Eva Bonnington, Sarah Chandler, Tahleigh Davey, Abigail Davis, Beatie Davis, Rani Diamond, Sam Dunn, Shane Estens, Blake Fairey, Charlotte Ferguson, Alex Gaff, Declan Gale, Dakotah Gilmour, Kimbalee Gilmour, Taylor Hayes, Lochie Henry, Rhyon Hutchison, Grace Jones-Copelin, Nick Kirsop, Ethan Morris, Alison Mudford, Ella Mudford, Jordan Neeves, Molly Nichols, Lilla Oehm, Emilia Peart, Henry Purvis, Jessie Riley, Ryder Ryan, Millie Spora, Grace Tancred, Rydah Whitehouse, Brooke Woollams, Will Younghusband, Charlie Zell, Sienna Zell, Trinity Zell.**

ICAS SPELLING RESULTS

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

DISTINCTION: Ben Mudford, Alex Cosier

CREDIT: Eva Bonnington, Hudson Duffy, Jemima Harrison

MERIT: Chloe Harris, Jacqueline Hutchison, Charlotte Ferguson, Ethan Morris, Lilla Oehm.

HAPPY HUT DAY

It was so exciting to welcome our Year 4 early settlers to school last Friday for Hut Day. The students and Mrs Clarke looked splendid in their colonial clothes and then we were treated to spectacular speeches by each child about their hut and life two hundred years ago. All the huts looked amazing! We even got the chance to go back in time and dance a country jig. Hopefully everyone at home enjoyed watching your child's speech about the hut which was uploaded to your child's Google Classroom. Well done Year 4!

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Well I guess one good thing from COVID is that we were able to have a double celebration of St Joseph's Day. We all had a great time at the pool dancing, riding on the ski biscuits and watching the sensational synchronised swimming prepared by the Year 6 leaders. What a fabulous St Joseph's Day, Part Two! Many thanks to the **Schier** and **Ferguson** families for the use of their ski biscuits and to the staff of Gilgandra Pool for making our celebration possible.

YEAR 3 ZOO BOUND

Only one more sleep and the Year 3 students will be at Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo. The students are completing a project on a zoo animal and it will be exciting to see the animal live. Hopefully everyone gets to see the mighty Tigers!

SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS

Best of luck to Henry Purvis who, tomorrow, will become Joey's first ever representative at a clay target shooting carnival. Henry is off to the Northern NSW Schools DTL Shooting Carnival that will be held in Tamworth. Congratulations Henry and well done!!

KINDER ORIENTATION DAY

We can't wait to welcome our 2021 Kinder class next **Tuesday, 3 November** at our Orientation Day. Things are a little different this year with parents having to bring their child to the drop off spot and unfortunately they are unable to come into the classrooms as they have in previous years due to COVID. However, we are sure our new Kindies will have a wonderful day. The new Kinder children will have another three days at Joey's during November to help prepare them for 'big school'.

YEAR 4 MASS

Year 4 will celebrate a class Mass next **Thursday, 5 November** 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.

JOEY'S COVID FETE

This year's fete will be unlike any other fete we have ever had. The fete will take place next **Friday, 6 November** and it is **only** for the children. We will have various inflatable rides which will be supervised by staff. Each class will have an hour each to enjoy the fun. We thank our wonderful P&F Association for covering the cost to hire the fete rides. **FETE DAY WILL BE AN OUT OF UNIFORM DAY.**

SHOW BAGS

We may not be able to have a show bag stall at this year's fete, but we won't let that stop the children from having the opportunity to purchase one of the wonderful show bags! So next week each class will have the opportunity to view 11 show bags, make a wish list and take it home with an order form for each family to complete and return to school in the event that they wish to purchase a show bag. The cost of each bag will be \$7.00 and the bags on offer will be Bertie Beetle, Kit Kat, Glow Bag Showbag, Fairy Princess, Pirate, Science Bag, Wise Guy, Miss Behaving, Girl's Craft Bag, Super Magic, Games Crazy. Once we have all the orders we will send them away and they should arrive a few weeks later.

SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME

School student applications for the 2021 School Student Transport Scheme opened on Monday, 12 October. Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 **DO NOT** need to reapply if they are continuing at the same school, are residing at the same address and have not received an expiry notification from Transport NSW. Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020. If students need to update their information or reapply, please go to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>.

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

On **Wednesday, 4 November**, Mr Nick Evans, a teacher from the Macquarie Conservatorium of Music will conduct a 'Puff & Blow' music demonstration at school. Mr Evans will demonstrate a variety of instruments for the children in Years 2-5. Due to COVID restrictions, parents are unable to attend this year and the students are not permitted to 'try' any of the instruments. A note was sent home earlier this week 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 next Monday, 2 November. Enrolments for 2021 lessons are due to Macquarie Conservatorium by 30 November and the cost is \$155 per 10 week term. Instruments available are trumpet, trombone, euphonium, baritone horn, French horn, tuba, flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe. To enrol, please visit www.macqcon.org.au or phone the Conservatorium on 6884 6686 for more information.

MACQUARIE VALLEY DRINKS AVAILABLE **IN SCHOOL CANTEEN**

Don't forget that we now have 200ml Macquarie Valley drinks available to purchase in the school canteen for \$2.00 each. 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.

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: **Hugo Campbell** for great retelling of the Bible story about baby Moses, **Regan Godber** for fantastic work in Maths following directions on a map, **Dusty Jordan** for super groovy dance moves in concert practice and **Pearl Mudford** for always smiling and being a positive and happy Kinder member.

YEAR 1: **Mitchell Beaton** for showing his great understanding of repeated addition in Maths, **Oscar Medd** for being attentive during lessons, **Elijah Newton** for asking for help when needed and **Charlie Howard** for showing increased confidence when delivering news.

YEAR 2: **Lottie Duffy** for being a fantastic role model for her peers, **Connor Jones-Copelin** for being more responsible when completing Maths homework, **Tom McIsaac** for bringing a positive attitude to class, **Isabelle Peart** for setting out algorithms carefully and neatly, **Bill Ryan** for writing a very persuasive exposition and **Mackenzie Skinner** for always including others and being a cheerful student.

YEAR 3: **Jacob Fordham** and **Ashley Gilmour** for using their extensive mathematical knowledge to answer tricky Maths questions in Essential Assessment, **James Lesslie** for fabulous enthusiasm during our COVID concert rehearsals, **Elsie Mudford** for wonderful work on adjectives and **Jagger Hazelton** for great responses when completing work on "The Little Refugee".

YEAR 4: **Scarlett Chandler** for her consistent positive approach to all tasks, **Evie Peart** for completing a beautiful oil pastel drawing, **Jack Gibson** for a continued effort to improve his handwriting and **Lachlan Profke** for excellent contributions to class discussions during Geography.

YEAR 5: **Kaycee Bugmy** for great problem solving in Operations, **Orlando Ryan** for enthusiastic participation in our concert item, **Eliza Mudford** for great work identifying compound and complex sentences and **Hope Jones-Copelin** for having a conscientious and positive approach to tasks.

YEAR 6: **Tia Allan** for mastering the use of blending techniques in Art, **Eva Bonnington** for insightful and reflective contributions to Comprehension group work, **Declan Gale** for expressive reading and fluency, **Taylor Hayes** for completing percentages with accuracy and speed, **Ella Mudford** for persevering with percentages, **Jessie Riley** for showing empathy towards others and **Trinity Zell** for having a contagious smile and positive attitude.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3

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| 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

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| 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 |
| | - Out of Uniform Day |

WEEK 5

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| Monday, 9 November | - Year 5 Policy Speeches |
| Tuesday, 10 November | - Year 5 Policy Speeches |
| | - Kinder Transition |
| Wednesday, 11 November | - Year 5 Policy Speeches |
| | - Remembrance Day Mass – Year 3 – 10:30 a.m. |
| | - Year 2 First Reconciliation – 3:45 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, 12 November | - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials |

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week in Kinder we talked about the importance of making the sign of the cross before and after we pray. We learnt that God is our Father in heaven who created us and loves us very much, Jesus is our friend and the son of God who lived on earth and the Holy Spirit is our helper who lives in us and guides us to make good choices. In Maths this week we have been revising what it means to share things evenly and we used counters and lollies to make equal groups and record our findings. After we read "Mr McGee and the Big Bag of Bread" by Pamela Allen, we researched information about giraffes. It was interesting to learn that giraffes have tough, hairy purple tongues that help them eat the leaves on prickly acacia trees. In Art we made beautiful bookmarks for our Year 6 buddies who will celebrate Confirmation on Sunday and our prayers and thoughts are with them all. Have a great weekend everyone!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 What a fabulous day we've had today. We celebrated a lovely Liturgy this morning reminding us of the importance of being thankful. We then walked to the pool and watched Year 6 perform their sensational synchronised swimming performance and had lots of fun on the ski biscuits. In class we've written a story titled 'If I Were a Prince/Princess for a Day' and in Art we drew some dazzling castles. During Maths we have been revising the metre and we measured some different objects in metres including the basketball court. We also practised the jump strategy and finding groups. Our Grammar focus has been speech marks and we are getting much better at identifying the spoken part of a sentence. We plan on filming our concert next week provided everyone is here. If you know your child will be away please let me know in advance. We will be thinking of our Year 6 friends as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. Have a great weekend *Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 2 Wow, what a wonderful job Year 2 did presenting our class item on Tuesday! We are so excited to be able to show our parents the film soon. You should all be very proud of yourselves. We would also like to thank Year 6 for a fun day at the pool today. We have continued working hard on our Problem A Day and Operations in Maths and have also looked at times tables and money this week. In Grammar we have been looking at sentence structure to improve our written work. We have also focused on improving our handwriting to present our bookwork neatly. In Art we have been creating spooky Halloween pictures! Our prayers are with Year 6 as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. Have a fantastic weekend everyone! *Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 3 Wow! Only one more sleep until we head to the Zoo! Everyone is certainly very excited and can't wait to see all of the animals during our excursion tomorrow. Please ensure that your child has their morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle packed in their backpacks. Also if your child is bringing along a camera or a device please ensure it is fully charged. During Text Types this week we have written expositions on the topic 'Should Animals be Kept in Zoos?'. There has certainly been some terrific discussion on this topic and Year 3 has written some great arguments for and against it. During Maths we have focused on subtraction to 9999, associative property, interpreting maps and millimetres. We had a fun day at the pool today for our St Joseph's Day celebrations. Thank you Year 6 for making it so much fun. We hope Year 6 has a lovely celebration on Sunday as they make their Confirmation. Have a nice weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 We all had a fabulous day last Friday for Hut Day. I was so impressed with how everyone dressed up and the wonderful way in which all the children spoke. Well done Year 4! We were also able to film the first part of our concert item when we travelled back to St Joseph's in 1909. Year 4 certainly has some budding actors! During Maths we've explored measurement, temperature, symmetry and mass while in Grammar contractions has been the focus. We are thinking of our Year 6 Leaders who will be celebrating Confirmation on Sunday.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 What a great time we had today at the pool to celebrate St Joseph's Day. We also enjoyed dressing up in our 'Dancing Through the Decades' costumes for our filmed concert item on Wednesday. Congratulations Year 5 for your enthusiastic participation. In Grammar we identified low and high modality in sentences and investigated the 'Highest Common Factor' (HCF) and the 'Lowest Common Multiple' (LCM) in Maths. In Writing we continue work on our leadership speeches at school and home. Next week we will begin to practise the speeches in front of our class mates. We wish Year 6 all the best as they celebrate their Confirmation on Sunday. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 Our preparations for Confirmation are going well and we are all super excited about celebrating this special sacrament on Sunday! What a great day we had at the pool today celebrating Part Two of St Joey's Day. Well done to Year 6 for your enthusiasm and school spirit! In Maths we have been revising long division, negative numbers and finding the mean from a group of numbers. The Writing focus has been revision on descriptive writing and we have been using 'The Literacy Shed' for inspiration. Our concert item is looking good and we are looking forward to filming it next Wednesday, 4 November. Don't forget to bring your costumes in so we are ready to go!

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

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| Friday, 30 October | - Rachel McMahon & Amii Marchant |
| Monday, 2 November | - Rachel Lacey & Rebecca Volkofsky |
| Wednesday, 4 November | - Alicia Harrison |
| Friday, 6 November | - Karen Harris & Tom Lesslie |