



ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 3

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Thought for the Week

*"Faith is to believe what you do not see
The reward of this faith is to see what you believe"*

St Augustine

KINDER BUDDY LUNCH

A delicious meal was enjoyed in the hall on Tuesday as the Kinder students and their Year 6 buddies were treated to a three course meal. The lunch is for the Kinder students to say thank you to their Year 6 buddies for all their help and friendship during the year. Many thanks to Jade Zell, Amanda Hodges, Crystal Mudford, Sarah Adams, Tanya Hutchison, Ash & Lib Walker, Amandeep Kaur, Monica Mudford and Gai-Maree Younghusband for ensuring everyone had a beautiful meal.

DIOCESAN RELIGION TEST

There were again some excellent results achieved in the annual Bathurst Diocesan Religion Test which is sat by all Year 6 students in the diocese. Our students who excelled include:

Distinction: Ben Standing, Hayden Ferguson, Lucas Gleadhill, Lucy McIsaac, Nick Tancred.

Credit: Alana Elsom, Ava Meyers, Ben Harland, Billie Allan, Cameron Davis, Casey Gaff, Elten Walter, Grace Winter, Lucy Kilpatrick, Ryan Ferguson, Samantha Naden, Will Spora.

U-RIPPA

All students from Years 3-6 had a great time participating in the u-Rippa program held at the Gilgandra Pool this week. Scott Bland was excellent as he instructed the children on techniques that could help them survive if they were ever to be caught in a rip or a strong current. He then gave them helpful tips on how to be a successful snorkeler. The sessions were lots of fun and very informative. Thank you Scott and Bill Welsh for ensuring everyone had an enjoyable time. Thanks also to Melanie Ferguson and the Gilgandra Swimming Club for organising this activity and paying all costs. It is greatly appreciated. Again, we thank the Gilgandra Panthers for the use of their bus. U-RIPPA!!!

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS – YEAR 3

All children from Kinder to Year 6 will celebrate All Saints Day tomorrow Friday, 1 November with a Communion Service at 10:30 a.m. This Service 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.

KINDER ORIENTATION DAY

Next Tuesday, 5 November the newest members of the St Joey's family will come to school. Our 2020 Kinder class will have their first real taste of 'big school' and we are all excited about their visit.

YEAR 4 MASS

Year 4 will celebrate a class Mass next **Thursday, 7 November** in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Mass.

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

next 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.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Staff members will participate in a staff development session this afternoon, Thursday, 31 October from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. This session will be in two parts, the first of which is looking at the teacher's responsibility to maintain their Proficient Teacher Accreditation, in particular the NESA requirements and the TAA processes required for maintenance of proficient accreditation. The second part of the session will be focused on Clickview training and displaying and encouraging the use of Clickview in the classroom while looking at the breadth of resources available on Clickview. Mrs McIsaac will also demonstrate the use of robots/coding available in our school.

TALENT QUEST

Our Year 6 leaders are organising a Talent Quest to be staged at school next 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 commenced on Monday, 28 October and will continue tomorrow, Friday, 1 November at lunch time before the big day next Wednesday, 6 November at 2:30 p.m.

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 last 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 tomorrow, Friday, 1 November.

SCHOOL BASED SWIMS SAFE LESSONS

With the swimming season just beginning 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, 2 December to Friday, 13 December **at a cost of \$80.00** (this does not include pool entry). Enrolment forms have today been sent home with each infant student. **Please return the enrolment form, together with the sum of \$80.00 (if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the school) by Friday, 15 November.** We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills.

MERIT AWARDS

KINDER: **Roxy Zell** for a super effort in Maths Warm Up, **Layla Walker** for a neat and colourful portrait of Mr McGee, **Oscar Medd** for confidently contributing to class discussions and **Charlie Howard** for sharing his knowledge and skill about planting seeds.

YEAR 1: **Indy Thomas** for fabulous results in our Grammar test, **Arabella Chandler** for neat handwriting in Sentence A Day, **Peregrine Volkofsky** for great improvement in Maths and **Archie Valler** for writing a great persuasive text with strong arguments.

YEAR 2: **Isla Volkofsky** for excellent research about a dinosaur, **Mia Mudford** for a wonderful effort with her spelling, **Baxter Whitehouse** for writing a great weekend recount, **Ashley Gilmour** for fabulous reading fluency and expression and **David McIsaac** for being an organised and enthusiastic learner.

YEAR 3: **Toby Davis** for having a keen interest in our Science topic on Earth, Space and Sun, **Scarlett Chandler** for wonderful contributions to class discussions during Grammar, **Jack Gibson** for fabulous work in Maths Operations and **Makynli Hazelton** for being a quiet and caring class member.

YEAR 4: **Kaycee Bugmy** for trying hard to make improvements in Maths, **Brody Heffer** for always displaying a cheerful manner in our class, **Abbie Skinner** for co-operating with her peers during group tasks and **Molly Temple** for working hard during reading group activities.

YEAR 5: **Eva Bonnington** for meaningful participation in our Missions lesson in Religion, **Tahleigh Davey** for being organised and ready to start the day with a smile, **Shane Estens** for accurately working out the average of a set of scores in Maths, **Alex Gaff** and **Lochie Henry** for working hard during Problem A Day and Operations, **Jordan Neeves** for thoughtful contributions to our class lesson on Remembrance Day and **Ryder Ryan** for working diligently in Maths Groups.

YEAR 6: **Grace Winter** for always having a go at the challenging Maths tasks at hand, **Nick Tancred** for his recall of Sydney Fast Facts, demonstrating a sound historical understanding, **Nick Gale** for an engaging role play, displaying different levels of government and **Ben Standing** for his inquisitive questioning skills during our parliamentary video conference.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3

- Friday, 1 November - All Saints Day Communion Service – 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.
- Melbourne Cup
Wednesday, 6 November - 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 Cooee 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.

WEEK 5

- Monday, 11 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
- Remembrance Day Communion Service – Year 5 (K-5) – 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 12 November - Kinder Transition
- Year 5 Policy Speeches
- GHS Year 6 Transition – 2:00 – 3:05 p.m.
Wednesday, 13 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
Thursday, 14 November - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials
- Year 3 Zoo Excursion
Friday, 15 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
- Knowledge Explosion

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Kinder has had another busy week. We all enjoyed the superb buddy lunch on Tuesday and a huge thank you to all our helpers who ordered, prepared and served our delicious lunch! We are so grateful to our buddies for looking after us so well this year. Our sound focus this week has been the “wh” sound and we have also read the entertaining story, “Mr McGee and the Big Bag of Bread”. In Maths we have focused on following directions, subtraction and making groups of ten. In Geography we wrote ideas about how we can look after our special places and all the things God created for us. We enjoyed the “Heave Ho Off We Go” performance today and we are also looking forward to meeting the new Kinders for 2020 next Tuesday during Kinder Orientation. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 This week we are reading “Prince Cinders” and are writing imaginative stories titled ‘If I Were a Prince/Princess For a Day’. It’s very interesting hearing about the fun and exciting things the children would do. Our Grammar focus this week is speech marks and the children are learning where to include them in their sentences. During Maths we used the jump strategy to complete subtraction questions, revised digital and analogue time and completed some Maths assessment tasks. We read the story of “The Ten Lepers” in Religion and were surprised to read that only one leper said “thank you” to Jesus. This has reminded us of the importance of always saying thank you. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt

YEAR 2 has been focusing on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, learning about confessions, telling the truth and realising God’s unconditional love for us all. We are looking forward to receiving the Sacrament next week. It is a very important step in our faith journey. In other news, Year 2 has been very busy doing their best in testing of Reading, Spelling and Maths. Well done! They are getting very “savvy” using the Chrome Books. In Art we painted and paper chipped groovy lions as part of our theme on the ‘Circus’. Have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Tomorrow we look forward to celebrating All Saints Day. Year 3 has been practising their readings and we hope that many of our friends and family can come along and join in our celebration. During Text Types we have continued to write an explanation about Earth’s rotation. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed participating in the u-Rippa swimming program yesterday where we learnt lots of valuable water safety skills. Zoo projects are being presented this week and next week. It has been great to see the different ways students have chosen to present their information. We have also been impressed with the confidence shown when presenting the projects to the class. Congratulations to you all on sensational projects. Have a nice weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 On Tuesday Year 4 participated in the u-Rippa program to improve their water safety skills. The students all really enjoyed the program and got a lot out of it. Today we attended the ‘Heave Ho Off We Go’ performance and students witnessed some amazing illusions! This week we have been learning about the Murray River and its importance in Geography. We have developed our understanding of decimal notation, place value, net and cross sections of 3-dimensional shapes in Maths. Year 4 also finished some beautiful artworks of landscapes this week. Our excursion is coming up later in the term and notes were sent home yesterday for completion and return to school. Have a great weekend.

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 In Maths this week we have started some assessments to track the children’s progress in individual strands. We have also spent time on our excursion interviews – consolidating the information we are presenting and refining our delivery. Our Grammar focus this week is verbs and we have practised identifying and using verb groups to enhance our writing. During Religion we focused on the lives of the people of Ghana. We watched a clip from the Catholic Mission website which highlighted the need to reach out to those less fortunate. Our Remembrance Day Communion Service is fast approaching so we have distributed readings and reflected on the importance of this special day. Policy Speeches have continued to be a focus for us this week and the timetable has been sent home. If you have any questions please let us know.

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 This week we have learnt some interesting facts about the Blue Mountains and the Opera House in preparation for our excursion. Our Writing task has been completing our scripts for the excursion interviews and practising how we will present them. During Maths we have been learning how to calculate the mean of a group of numbers, multiplying and dividing decimals and investigating number patterns. In Comprehension we read some information about Remembrance Day and discussed the significance of the poppies that we are growing. We have been busy with talent quest auditions at lunch time this week and we are really looking forward to next Wednesday! Thank you to our Kinder buddies for organising our delicious lunch on Tuesday. It was lovely to catch up over lunch at the amazing Joey’s restaurant!

Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 1 November – Alicia Heffer & Danelle Jones
Monday, 4 November – Roslyn Zell & Sue Profke
Wednesday, 6 November – Jill O’Connor & Shiree Ryan
Friday, 8 November – Rebecca Medd & Rachel Lacey

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 3 November - Aiden Walker, Elten Walker

