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Term 4 Week 4

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Thought for the Week

How you make others feel about themselves says a lot about you.

YEARS 5/6 SYDNEY EXCURSION

The Years 5 and 6 students, their teachers and parents had a sensational time in Sydney last week. It was a wonderful experience as everyone had the opportunity to visit many of the wonderful attractions in Sydney. Congratulations to all the students on their exemplary behaviour. It seemed that every place we visited had a kind word to say about the students. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the children. Their help was invaluable. A huge vote of thanks to the teachers, Mrs Banks and Mr Soares whose care, enthusiasm and patience ensured a most successful excursion.

YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO TARONGA WESTERN PLAINS ZOO DUBBO

Year 3 had a fantastic day at Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo on Friday. The children began the day with a trip around the zoo seeing all the animals that the class researched prior to the excursion. To conclude the excursion they had a lesson in the education centre where they got to pat a blue-tongued lizard, bearded dragon and shingleback lizard. A great time was had by all!

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 Belinda Murray, Jo Lummis, Simone Fordham, Ashleigh Mudford, Ash Walker, Lib Walker, Sheree Staggs, Rod Howard, Helen McIsaac, Anna Mudford and Donna Wheatley for ensuring everyone had a beautiful meal.

YEAR 1 POLICE STATION VISIT

Our Year 1 students are looking forward to their visit to the Police Station next Monday, 6 November. This excursion is part of the Year 1 Geography unit, 'People and Places'. We thank Senior Constable King for organising this visit.

KINDER ORIENTATION DAY

Next Tuesday, 7 November the newest members of the St Joey's family will come to school. Our 2018 Kinder class will have their first real taste of 'big school' and we are all excited about their visit.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

Wow! What a great time we all had at the Sydney Eye Tower. Who knew the tower was 310 m from the ground to the top? There were amazing views – we could see Luna Park, Sydney Harbour Bridge and the SCG. As the first Years 5/6 classes to come here at night, we simply felt overjoyed. Bradley Gibson, Finn Marchant, Joshua Purvis & Harrison King

TALENT QUEST

The auditions have been held and all is set for our Talent Quest to be staged at school next Wednesday, 8 November commencing at 2:00 p.m. There are a variety of acts including singing, dancing and much, much more. So for an entertaining afternoon featuring the wonderful performances of our talented students, Joey's is the place to be next Wednesday afternoon.

ST LAWRENCE'S COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS DAY

We have eleven students representing our school at the St Lawrence's Coonabarabran Horse Sports next Thursday and Friday, 9 and 10 November. Our representatives include **Emma Mills, Tia Allan, Billie**

Allan, Trinity Zell, Tilla Chandler, Jett Chandler, Chloe Harris, Adison Thomas, Eliza Larkin, Ryder Larkin and Abbie Skinner. We wish our equestrian representatives the best of luck and thank Darren Chandler for being our team manager.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Friday, 10 November

As Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year our Year 5 students are preparing a Remembrance Day Communion Service to be celebrated in St Joseph's Church next Friday, 10 November at 10:30 a.m. All are most welcome to attend. Morning tea will follow the service so please bring a plate to share. Lest We Forget.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

The view was amazing while walking across the Sydney Harbour Bridge. We could see the Opera House, the harbour, Luna Park and Fort Denison! We felt overwhelmed whilst crossing the bridge because we were up so high. The whole experience was breathtaking.

Emma Durrant, Kate Woollams, Camilla Beveridge & Madi Riley

YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION

Year 2 has been busy this term 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, 14 November at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, 18 November at 10:00 a.m. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass on Sunday, 26 November at 9:45 a.m. during which 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.

FREE HEALTHY HEATING WORKSHOP AT ST JOEY'S

We will be hosting a free Healthy Eating Workshop at school on Tuesday, 28 November from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Did you know that eating the right amount of fruits and vegetables will help protect children against many diseases, including some forms of cancer? This free workshop run by the Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily;

- Save time and money making healthy meals.
- Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters.
- Get a free recipe book simply by attending.
- Pack a healthy lunch box your kids will love.
- Plan menus, modify recipes and more.

Don't miss out, registration is essential. To book your place please register by contacting the school on 68472828 or email, stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au.

NEW ST JOEY'S BACKSACKS FOR SALE

We are now selling St Joey's backsacks from the clothing pool. These backsacks are made of a waterproof material with drawstrings that can be worn on the back. They would make great swimming bags or a spare bag for any extra-curricula activity. They are selling for just \$5.00. Feel free to come in and have a look!

RSA TRAINING

At the last P & F Meeting it was decided to ask the members of our school community if anyone would be interested in completing their

RSA training. The P & F are willing to pay the fees to attend the course provided those completing it give a five year commitment to helping out on the bar at the annual debutante ball. If anyone is interested please let Mrs Hodge know by next Friday, 10 November.

GILGANDRA SERVICES CLUB KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Gilgandra Services Club are hosting a Kids Christmas Party on Sunday, 3 December commencing at 1:00 p.m. There will be an inflatable water slide, face painting, blow up castle, balloon animals, sprinklers, handball competition and a visit from Santa at 4:30 p.m. Santa will give each child an ice block and some nibbles. Parents to drop presents off before 4:30 p.m. Come along and enjoy!

EXCURSION SNIPPET

On the last day of our excursion to Sydney we went to Collaroy Beach. It was amazing! We got to learn about beach safety and how to catch waves. At the beach we played volleyball and soccer and also learnt about bluebottles and the blue ringed octopus. We practised life saving with a partner. It was a great experience and we hope to go back again. **Ella Wykes, Tayarna McKenzie, Rani Diggs, Heidi Ferguson & Tylah Anforth**

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Anna Walker** for being a helpful member of Kindergarten, **Ashley Gilmour** for spelling with accuracy, **Elsie Mudford** for telling interesting news, **Cooper Lummis** and **Brodie Nichols** for writing good recounts of a trip to the zoo, **Isabella Brand** for fantastic work modelling numbers to 30, **Caine Bugmy** for awesome work combining two numbers to make 10 and **Oliver Christian** for carefully colouring a globe in Geography.

YEAR 1: **Sophia Peart** for writing a super Halloween story, **Jemima Harrison** for great work interpreting data from a graph, **Angus Johnson** for trying hard to recall number facts and **Alexia Riley** for making a fabulous Jack-o-Lantern in Art.

YEAR 2: **Kaycee Bugmy** for super work in Spelling and Sentence A Day activities, **Hudson Duffy** for taking great pride in his bookwork, **Isabelle Mudford** and **Brody Heffer** for creative work in Art, **Jaida Tarrant** for creating a clever, colourful clown and circus tent and **Emily Standing** for writing elaborated expositions.

YEAR 3: **Rhyan Hutchison** for a well researched and presented information report, **Sam Dunn** for an improved effort in Spelling, **Rydah Whitehouse** for a fantastic effort in reaching his Literacy Pro goals, **Kimblee Gilmour** for a fantastic information report about food and **Molly Nichols** for a fantastic information report about sport.

YEAR 4: **Billie Allan** and **William Spora** for creating fantastic fairy tales during Writing, **Chelsea Brand** for working hard towards reaching her Literacy Pro goal and **Harry Mudford** for showing maturity and respect during our class Religion lessons.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4 - Year 5 Reconciliation

Thursday, 2 November - Principals Meeting
Friday, 3 November - K-2 Literacy and Numeracy Strategies 2017-2020 Meeting

WEEK 5 - Fr Martin away on Retreat

Monday, 6 November - Year 1 Police Station Visit
Tuesday, 7 November - Kinder Orientation Day
Wednesday, 8 November - Talent Quest – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, 9 & Friday, 10 November - Coonabarabran Horse Sports
Friday, 10 November - Remembrance Day Communion Service – Year 5 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 6

Tuesday, 14 November - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials
- Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 15 November - Year 4 Class Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 16 November - Priests/Principals Meeting
Friday, 17 November - Knowledge Explosion (Years 3-6)
Saturday, 18 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

WEEK 7 -

Monday, 20 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
Tuesday, 21 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
- P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 22 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
Thursday, 23 November - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 24 November - Knowledge Explosion – 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 'One Stop Rock Shop' Performance – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, 26 November - Christ the King Sunday Mass – Year 2 – 9:45am

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER A huge thank you to those parents who came and helped prepare our buddy lunch on Tuesday. It was great way for the Kinders to say thank you to their buddies for all they have done for them this year. Kinder has been reading "My Cat Maisie" this week and have enjoyed naming and illustrating the games the main character played with his cat, as well as answering a variety of comprehension questions. We have learnt about the 'wh' as in 'whale' sound and have challenged ourselves to sort words beginning with 'w' and 'wh'. Next week we are beginning work on 'a' word families. During Maths we completed subtraction problems and described equal rows. Have a top weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 Thank you to Year 3 for preparing a beautiful Mass to celebrate All Saints Day yesterday. We enjoyed learning a special prayer we could say to St Anthony to help us find something that we may have lost! Expositions continue to be our text type focus this week and we came up with some very good reasons why we should all wear school hats. In Grammar we found out all about compound words and even made up some groovy illustrations to match the words. Problem solving, 3D shapes and repeated addition using number lines are all the topics we concentrated on this week. Don't forget homework is due on Friday. We are all very excited about our trip to the Police Station on Monday. Have a great weekend *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Thanks Year 3 for preparing the lovely All Saints Mass yesterday. We revisited the qualities of Saint Mary MacKillop in Religion and continued our Reconciliation programme focusing on Penance and confessing the wrong choices we sometimes make. In Maths we've been concentrating on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables, 3D Shapes, problem solving and multiplication and division properties. Kakadu and protecting our unique natural landmarks have been the focus in Geography. We made some creative paper bag clowns in craft. Expositions have been the text type we've been working on this week. "Joining the circus would be fun ..." has lead to some great discussion and writing on this topic. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 What an awesome day we had at the zoo last Friday. We enjoyed our walk through the 'African Savannah', a lovely lunch with the siamangs and met some interesting reptiles at the education centre. We all agreed it was a great day. Thank you to all our family and friends who joined us for our All Saints Day Mass yesterday. This month Year 3 will be praying to St Ann, the mother of Mary, who is the Patron Saint of all mothers. In Maths we investigated decimals and multiplication and in Grammar we revised adjectives and verbs. In Art we are creating paper bag scarecrows and some crazy cartoon faces. Have a wonderful weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 Welcome back to our Years 5 and 6 friends this week – your excursion sure did sound fun! This week in Year 4 we have been using the iPads to finish publishing our narratives using iBook while in Grammar our focus has been on coordinating conjunctions and how we can change sentences using these. During Maths we have been faced with some tricky multiplication investigations that gave us the answer and we were asked to work out the question. Thank you to Year 3 who lead us in a fantastic All Saint's Day celebration yesterday, we have been learning all about St Patrick and will continue to pray to him throughout the next month. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 has been reminiscing about our wonderful Sydney excursion by writing recounts elaborating on our favourite locations and completing our excursion booklets. During Maths we have been learning about formulas in spreadsheets, six digit subtraction and choosing length units of measurement. During English we have been focusing on how to write our policy speeches by looking at the structure and brainstorming characteristics of a good leader. We have been busy in Religion learning about St Therese and have started to prepare for the Remembrance Day Communion Service next Friday. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 had a magnificent time in Sydney last week. Everyone showed great school spirit and the students looked after one another throughout the excursion! In the classroom this week we have learnt about likelihood, percentages and nets of 3-dimensional shapes in Maths. In Grammar we learnt about the different uses of the hyphen. We focused on learning about the Eureka Stockade in History and created presentations to show our understanding. Kinder sure organised a lovely buddy lunch for Year 6 last Tuesday. Also a big thank you to the Kinder parents for preparing our lunch. *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 3 November – Melissa Hanson & Sheree Staggs
Monday, 6 November – Mary Davis & Sarah Hickey
Wednesday, 8 November – Amanda Chandler & Gai-Maree Younghusband
Friday, 10 November – JB Tancred & Ali Tancred

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 5 November – Pat Spora, Madison Hourigan, Isaac Grimshaw, Dennis Gale

