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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.

St Joseph's School Fete

Tomorrow, Friday, 30 October
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

WORKING BEE Friday - 12:00 p.m. to set up stalls, put up tents, tidy playground etc. *Many hands make light work!*

FETE ROSTER is again with today's newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help. There are still a few gaps, particularly the car wash, jumping castle, sumo boxing, bungee run and trike rides. If you can help out on the day, please do so. Our fete is one of our major fundraisers and one where everyone can help in some way. So while the children enjoy all the activities, maybe Mum or Dad could help out on a stall for an hour or so.

CAKE/PRODUCE, TOMBULLI, 'EVERYONE'S A WINNER', CRAFT We are still looking for donations for these stalls. All donations go towards a successful fete.

NO CANTEEN TOMORROW The canteen will be closed for school tomorrow due to fete preparations.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY Tomorrow is an out-of-uniform day.

YEARS 5/6 SYDNEY EXCURSION

We are all very excited about the Years 5 and 6 Sydney Excursion next week. It is sure to be a wonderful trip. Just take a peep at our itinerary:

Day 1 – Tuesday, 3 November

Depart St Joseph's School – 6:30 a.m., Mudgee – morning tea, Scenic World Katoomba – Skyway, Railway and Cableway, Allianz Stadium Tour, Collaroy Centre, Collaroy, Evening Activity – Movie in Theatre

Day 2 – Wednesday, 4 November

Walk across Sydney Harbour Bridge, Rocks Walking Tour, Captain Cook Cruise, Sydney Aquarium, Parliament House, Opera House Tour, Dinner at Darling Harbour, Madame Tussauds

Day 3 – Thursday, 5 November

Sydney Tower and Sky Tour, National Maritime Museum, Mary MacKillop Place, Leisure swim at Sydney International Aquatic Centre

Day 4 – Friday, 6 November

Surf Safe Program – Collaroy Beach, Luna Park – unlimited rides, Lithgow - Dinner at McDonalds, Arrive St Joseph's School approximately 10:30 p.m.

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

We again had some excellent results in the ICAS English Competition that was held last term. Congratulations to the following students who received their Certificates at Assembly yesterday: *Distinction:* Rhys Bonnington, Sophie Hassall, Jennifer Ibe, Lachlan Fairey, Emilie Hassall *Credit:* Emma Durrant, Jack Oehm, Emily Zell, Kelsey Hutchison, Bradley Kilday, James Ferguson, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Michael Raglus *Merit:* Jade Elsom, Molly Fairey, Chloe Mudford, Dylon Murray, Oscar Spora, Kate Woollams, Skye Bui, Heidi Holland, Patrick Spora, Olivia Ferguson, Alex Beveridge, Rebecca Gaff.

NRL CLINCIS

Over the next two weeks NRL Developments Officers will run two 30 minute lessons for our Infants and Primary classes. The Infants children will hear the story of Bluey and Red and do some light activities outside, while the Primary students will participate in Backyard League.

VALE TERRY MCGOLDRICK

It is with great sadness that we convey the news of the sudden death of Mr Terry McGoldrick, Principal of St Lawrence's School Coonabarabran. St Joseph's and St Lawrence's participate in a variety of events during the year and we will miss Terry's strong leadership and love for the children. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Sue, his family and to the St Lawrence's School Community. May he rest in peace.

REMEMBRANCE DAY – COOEE MARCH

RE-ENACTMENT

As the 2015 Cooee re-enactment march will arrive at Martin Place on Wednesday, 11 November, our Year 6 leaders have decided to ask everyone, on this day, to come to school dressed in 1915 clothes, the year of the original Cooee March. Here is a picture to help you. You are invited to bring a gold coin donation that will be presented to Legacy.



LEGACY

Legacy is a charity providing services to Australian families suffering financially and socially after the injury or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service. They currently care for around 90,000 widows and 1,900 children and disabled dependants throughout Australia.

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, 30

November to Friday, 11 December at a cost of \$75.00 (this does not include pool entry). Please return the enrolment form, together with the sum of \$75.00 (if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the school) by Monday, 2 November. We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, 31 October at Gilgandra Pool from 12:00 p.m. Fee entry. Fun and games, movie screening at 8:00 p.m. Canteen facilities operational.

CRAFT MARKET – PROUDLY SUPPORTING MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY NSW

A Craft Market will be held at the Gilgandra Shire Hall on Saturday, 14 November from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission with light refreshments available. Stalls include: Woodwork, Christmas Cakes & puddings, Cakes & Biscuits, Baby Knitting, Craft Supplies, Plants & Garden Art, Homemade Candles, Christmas Gift Items and much more! Everyone is welcome.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER**: Eliza Larkin for great improvement in reading, Mitchell Fuller for contributing to discussions on what can be pulled and pushed in Science, Emma Mills for giving great examples of needs and wants and Darcy Morris and Eliza Mudford for great use of punctuation in story writing. **YEAR 1**: Rani Diamond for writing a detailed weekend recount, Lochie Henry for super ‘sounding out’ in Writing, Grace Jones-Copelin for working hard to ‘sound out’ tricky words, Brooke Woollams for writing well structured and interesting sentences, Sienna Zell for writing a super recount about her weekend adventures and Ella Mudford for enthusiastic involvement in our HSIE topic, ‘Families, Past & Present’. **YEAR 2**: Ryan Ferguson for great work in Grammar, Tarinya Hannedege for beautiful art work, Samantha Naden for a fantastic effort in Maths and Jett Tarrant for super work in Maths Operations. **YEAR 3**: Isaac Grimshaw for explaining tricky problems in Maths, Dylon Murray for contributing to class discussions with confidence, Molly Wilson for taking pride in her bookwork, Oscar Spora for showing enthusiasm in Science and Ry Heffer for working carefully with fractions. **YEAR 4**: Bradley Kildey for great work differentiating fact from opinion, Heidi Holland for drawing a fantastic flamingo, Anton Davis for writing an imaginative narrative and Rhys O’Neill for working well in a group to find out information about a national park. **YEAR 5**: Billie Buckland for a super cover design for her Sydney Excursion booklet, Jett Grimshaw for improved responses during Comprehension, Mike Raglus for using fantastic expression during the Sydney Excursion interview practices and Tyler Evans for contributing to discussions about State Parliament. **YEAR 6**: Nash Marchant for taking his role as a tutor very seriously, Kate Gilmour for greeting people with a beautiful smile, Harry Spora for asking questions to clarify in Maths and Olivia Newstead for being a great school leader.

WHAT’S ON

<u>WEEK 4</u>		
Friday, 30 October	-	Fete
<u>WEEK 5</u>	Year 4 Reconciliation	
Tuesday, 3 November	-	
Friday, 6 November	-	Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion
Friday, 6 November	-	NRL Clinics
<u>WEEK 6</u>		
Tuesday, 10 November	-	Summer Sports Trials
Wednesday, 11 November	-	Remembrance Day Mass – Year 4 (K-5) – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 12 November	-	Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 13 November	-	NRL Clinics
	-	Knowledge Explosion
Saturday, 14 November	-	Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.
<u>WEEK 7</u>	Year 3 Reconciliation	
Tuesday, 17 November	-	Kinder Orientation Day
	-	P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 18 November	-	Summer Sports Trials back-up date
Thursday, 19 November	-	Road Safety Stage 3 Professional Day
Friday, 20 November	-	Knowledge Explosion
Sunday, 22 November	-	Christ the King Sunday Mass – Year 2 – 9:45 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Thank you Kindergarten for your reverent participation in our Liturgy today. It was wonderful to hear your beautiful singing and see your art work decorating the church as it reflects how much we truly love God. This week Kindergarten wrote some great stories about a windy storm. The students described what they saw and heard during such an event. In reading we have been focusing on the book ‘Fancy That’. Our sound for the week has been ‘wh’. The students have cut and pasted pictures that begin with this sound to match their corresponding words. Next week is revision of the sounds ‘sh’ and ‘ch’. In Mathematics the students have learnt how to count groups of ten and the numbers that add up to make ten. We also explored 2D shapes. In our HSIE unit students had to sort needs and wants into a table and then explain why they were a want or a need. Just a reminder to make sure all your children’s belongings are clearly labelled. Take care. *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 This week we began our new literature unit, ‘Room On A Broom’ by Julia Donaldson. We’ve been identifying verbs used in the story and writing about some of the adventures of the witch. We have discussed the many funny stories about witches and how they are used in imaginative stories. In Maths we examined rounding up to the nearest 10, addition, 3D shapes and looking at the surface area of shapes. It’s an exciting time for our community as the Cocee marchers head to Sydney on the Cocee Re-enactment march, commemorating the journey of the original Cocees in 1915. We talked about the history of the Cocee March and we are mapping the route as the men and women march to Martin Place in Sydney for Remembrance Day. Tomorrow is the fete and we can’t wait! Hopefully everyone has been busy cooking cakes and slices for the cake stall. See you at the fete!! *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 This week in Religion we visited the Church and looked at the confessional as part of our preparation for Reconciliation. Thank you to those who have returned the Reconciliation note. We’ve continued with our comprehension groups and are working on the ‘Here’ strategy and understanding words. We completed narratives on our own version of ‘Chitty Chitty Bang Bang’ and continued working on adverbs in Grammar. In Art we’ve created fabulous artworks of knights and princesses to decorate our window for ‘The Royal Classroom of Year 2’. Everyone is excited for the fete tomorrow. Thank you to those families who have offered their time. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 This week in Maths we learnt about nets, grams and number patterns. In Writing we have written a procedure about how to make chocolate crackles. Our focus in Grammar has been on the use of pronouns. We learnt and discussed lots of different types of puppets in our Comprehension activity. In PDH we have learnt about how to be a safe pedestrian and cyclist. We have examined different solids and liquids in Science and have predicted what would happen to them if heat was added. Year 3 is so excited about our school fete tomorrow. Thank you Year 3 for making such a great effort donating tombuli prizes. I hope you enjoy your weekend. *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 It has been another busy week in Year 4. We have spent time learning about the ‘ai,’ ‘ay,’ ‘a-e’ and ‘a’ sound and comparing adverbial and adjectival phrases. In Writing we have been working on showing, rather than telling, the mood and personality of characters. In Maths we have revised contracted multiplication and rounding to the nearest whole number. We have also created 3D shapes out of their nets, cut cross sections in 3D shapes and recorded measurements using decimal notation. In HSIE we have explored the threats to native plants and animals. A big thank you to all those who have donated Tombuli bags. Hope to see you at the fete. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 This time next week we will be travelling around Sydney looking at all the sights. We are eagerly counting down the days until we leave. This week in class we have been practising our Sydney Interviews as well as beginning to write our policy speeches on palm cards. In Maths we have investigated highest common factors of numbers as well as completing a questionnaire/survey on how to make our canteen better. HSIE has seen us watch some of the interesting arguments in State Parliament during question time. I hope everyone is getting ready for a busy week ahead and I hope to see you all having fun at our fete tomorrow. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 We have enjoyed another wonderful week in the Year 6 classroom. In Maths we worked in groups to write and solve a problem which involved using our knowledge of negative numbers. During our writing lesson we combined with Year 5 to draft a group letter, which we will write to the 2015 Coe-ee marchers. We want to let them know that we are thinking of them and appreciate their effort in drawing our attention to the true spirit of the 1915 Cocees. Year 6 is really looking forward to all the fun of the fete tomorrow and don’t forget it’s not too late to send in some prizes for the ‘Everyone’s A Winner’ stall! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 31 October – Canteen Closed – Fete preparations
Monday, 2 November – Michelle Woollams & Toni Fuller
Wednesday, 4 November – Leanne Stephens & Briony Mills
Friday, 6 November – Alicia Heffer

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 1 November – Martin Fryers, Charlie Banks, Olivia Newstead, Laura Smith