



ABOUT

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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.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION CLASS

Three beautiful Masses were celebrated on Sunday in St Joseph's Church with our Year 6 Confirmation class. Due to COVID-19, the Mass was by invitation only and to adhere to the restriction on numbers in the church we split the class and had three special Masses. Special thanks to Fr Greg who always makes the celebration of the sacraments so special. Congratulations to the parents, Mrs Banks, Mrs Van der Walt and Mrs Thomas for preparing the children so well, to our staff members for being on hand on Sunday to clean the church between Masses and usher the families to their respective seats and to Miss Harvey for her beautiful singing. A special celebration was held at school on Monday for our Year 6 class and we thank all the other classes for the spectacular decorations. Congratulations to our 2020 Confirmation class: **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, Rhyen 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.**

JOEY'S FAB FETE TOMORROW

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

The fete tomorrow is only for the children and we are sure to have heaps of fun! We will have various inflatable rides which will be supervised by the staff and each class will have an hour each to enjoy the activities. We thank our wonderful P&F Association for covering the cost to hire the fete rides. **TOMORROW WILL BE AN OUT OF UNIFORM DAY.** The fete timetable is set out below:-

9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	Kinder & Year 1 (half)
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	Year 1 (half) & Year 2
11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Year 3
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	Year 4
1:15 – 2:15 p.m.	Year 5
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	Year 6

SHOW BAGS

Yesterday the students had the chance to look at the 11 shows bags available to order and then completed a 'Wish List' which was sent home with an order form. In the event that you would like to order any of the show bags for your child, please complete the order form and return it to school together with payment, no later than next **Monday, 9 November**. The orders will then be sent away and we expect to be in receipt of the shows bags within a few weeks. The cost of each bag is \$7.00 and the bags available to order are: Bertie Beetle, Kit Kat, Glow Bag Showbag, Fairy Princess, Pirate, Science Bag, Wise Guy, Miss Behaving, Girl's Craft Bag, Super Magic, Games Crazy.

WELCOME KINDERS

We had a fantastic day on Tuesday as we welcomed our 2021 Kinder class to Joey's. It was delightful to meet them all as well as their parents. We were able to have a parent information meeting in the church and we look forward to welcoming our new students back to Joey's over the next three weeks.

YEAR 6 SERVICE PROJECT

Would you like to help raise money for cancer sufferers in our community? Well this is the perfect opportunity! Year 6 completed a Service Project for Confirmation and we will be raising money for the Gilgandra Cancer Fundraisers by having a stall with lots of homemade goodies at the CWA markets this **Saturday, 7 November**. The markets will be in the Plaza outside IGA from 8:00 a.m. There will also be a raffle where you will have the chance to win a big jar of lollies and a cake. Please come and support us and help us to make a financial impact for those suffering with cancer. If you are unable to come, but would still like to donate some money, please send it in to school.

Eva Bonnington & Millie Spora

Congratulations to Eva and Millie for their amazing initiative to raise funds for this very worthwhile charity. Well done girls!

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Best of luck to our 2021 leaders who will deliver their leadership speeches via Google Classroom next week. I am sure you will all be magnificent!

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Wednesday, 11 November

Our Year 3 students are preparing a Remembrance Day Mass to be celebrated in St Joseph's Church next **Wednesday, 11 November**. Unfortunately adults are not allowed to attend the Mass due to COVID restrictions and as such there will be no morning tea afterwards. *Lest We Forget.*

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. Reconciliation will be held in St Joseph's Church next **Wednesday, 11 November** at 3:45 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. This is a special time for Year 2 and we keep all these children in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

DIOCESAN SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Best of luck to our students who are competing at the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials to be held in Dubbo next week: **Georgia Tancred, Jemima Harrison** (Tennis), **Darcy Morris** (Basketball), **Toby Davis, Alex Cosier, Will O'Connor, Mitch Fuller, Sailor Ryan** (Boy's Touch), **Alyssa Ferguson, Xanthe Gale, Jacqueline Hutchison, Eliza Larkin** (Girl's Touch).

YEARS 5/6 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

KINCUMBER EXCURSION

We may not be able to go to Canberra this year on our Years 5/6 School Excursion, however we are sure going to have a great time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Kincumber on the Central Coast from **Monday, 16 to Wednesday, 18 November**. Notes were sent home with the Years 5/6 students yesterday and the Permission/Medical notes and Code of Conduct are due back to school by next **Monday, 9 November**.

SCHOOL BASED SWIMSAFE LESSONS

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 nine days on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from Monday, 23 November to Wednesday, 9 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 Thursday, 12 November.** We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills.

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: Mia Buckley for great problem solving in Maths, Charlie Cruickshank for being able to recall amazing facts about giraffes, Laycee Hazelton for using great descriptive words in Story Writing and William Luckie for great problem solving skills in Maths.

YEAR 1: Darcy Adams for being a cooperative class member, Estelle Hazelton, Jakirah McKenzie and Adelaide Mudford for drawing fabulous castle artworks.

YEAR 2: Arabella Chandler, Oliver Peart and Lucy Profke for putting outstanding effort into our class item practices, Bella Ferguson for being considerate to others and showing empathy and Harrison Newton for taking great pride in the presentation of his bookwork.

YEAR 3: Isla Volkofsky and Chloe Harris for writing fabulous expositions to convince us that animals should not be kept in zoos, Jock Mills for delivering a fantastic zoo project on the bison and Georgia Allan for great participation in Comprehension groups.

YEAR 4: Brooke Beaton for having a helpful and caring nature, Alyssa Ferguson for persistence during Maths lessons, Jacqueline Hutchison for a diligent approach to ensuring her work is well presented and Ava Lacey for fantastic writing skills.

YEAR 5: Alicia Fordham for fabulous artwork of a footballer, Brody Heffer for great work in spelling and vocabulary activities, Emily Standing for quickly applying strategies to all Maths problems and Lucas Fong for improved understanding in completing comprehension questions.

YEAR 6: Abigail Davis and Alex Gaff for beautiful reading at Confirmation Mass, Lochie Henry for working with speed and accuracy in Mathematics and Lilla Oehm and Brooke Woollams for their creative approach to writing tasks.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4

Friday, 6 November - Fete
- **Out of Uniform Day**

WEEK 5

Monday, 9 November - Year 5 Leadership Speeches
Tuesday, 10 November - Year 5 Leadership Speeches
- Kinder Transition
Wednesday, 11 November - Year 5 Leadership 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

WEEK 6

Monday, 16 November to Wednesday, 18 November - Years 5/6 Great Aussie Bush Camp Kinumber Excursion
Thursday, 19 November - Year 2 Class Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 20 November - Kinder Transition

WEEK 7

Monday, 23 November - Infants Swimming commences
Tuesday, 24 November - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials back-up date
Wednesday, 25 November - Kinder Transition
Thursday, 26 November - Year 4 Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam Excursion
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 27 November - Year 4 Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam Excursion

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week we welcomed our new Kinders for 2021! It was great to see so many new and happy faces joining our Joey's family. We look forward to spending some time with them over the next 3 weeks. In our Phonics we have been focusing on the sound 'wh' and revising many other sounds. We have started Essential Assessment in Maths and will continue to work on each strand over the coming weeks. In Religion we have been learning about the Old Testament story, "Noah's Ark" and we really enjoyed reading the pop up book too. This story reminds us how Noah trusted and believed in God and how important it is that we do the same, no matter what people may think or say about us. In Geography we spoke about important places in Gilgandra and why we need them in our town. We are very excited about our fete tomorrow! Thank you to everyone who has helped organise this great event!
Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 We had a fabulous time filming our COVID concert item yesterday. We can't wait to watch it! We've been busy completing some assessments this week in Maths and English. Our Phonics sound this week is 'ow' as in snow and 'oe' as in toe. It gets a bit tricky considering there is 'ow' as in cow as well! We finished colouring and painting our castles and they look amazing! We have them hanging in our classroom. In Geography we read the books, "Ernie Dances to the Diggeridoo" and "All Through The Year" to learn about the six Arnhem land seasons. We discussed the similarities and differences in the seasons highlighted in both books. Everyone is very excited about the fete tomorrow! Thank you to our P&F for organising it for us.
Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 In Religion we have been working hard on our Reconciliation booklets. We have visited the church with Mrs Banks to discuss the importance of Reconciliation for everyone, saying sorry when we've made a mistake and asking for God's forgiveness. Next Wednesday we look forward to Fr Greg celebrating Reconciliation. In Maths we have been learning addition strategies, rounding numbers to the nearest hundred, creating graphs and calculating area. We have been working hard on using simple, compound and complex sentences correctly in our writing. The students are looking forward to the fete tomorrow and were excited to see the sample show bags yesterday. Have a fantastic weekend!
Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 had a fabulous day at the zoo last Friday. The weather was perfect and lots of animals were out on show for us all. The otters, the lion, the galapagos tortoise and meeting 'Hush' the possum during our education lesson were certainly some of the highlights of our day. Congratulations to Year 6 on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday. We hope you enjoyed your special celebration. During Religion we looked at the gifts of the Holy Spirit and talked about the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Next Wednesday we will celebrate Remembrance Day with a class Mass. In Text Types we have begun writing our exciting recounts of the excursion as well as finishing listening to our wonderful zoo projects. During Maths we began Essential Assessment testing and looked at decimals, multiplication strategies and extended multiplication in Maths Plus. Have a relaxing weekend!
Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 St Joseph's Day was fabulous and everyone had a great time. Today Fr Martin celebrated a beautiful Mass with us which was all about 'Peace and Friendship'. Our Grammar focus has involved conjunctions. Maths has included contracted multiplication, division and chance and probability. We are busy practising the second part of our concert performance which will be filmed on Monday. We are all eagerly anticipating the final product. Yesterday we received the itinerary for our upcoming overnight excursion to Wellington Caves and Burrendong Dam. Please ensure permission slips are returned by Wednesday 11 November. Fete day is tomorrow and we are all very excited. Order forms for show bags need to be returned with payment by next Monday, 9 November to enable them to be ordered please. Have a fantastic weekend everyone.
Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 In Grammar this week we are looking at prefixes and completed a post test in Comprehension groups as an assessment task. In Maths we investigated cross sections of 3D shapes and used a dot graph to answer comparison questions. We continue to prepare for our leadership speeches next week and completed a research task about the animals of Antarctica. It was with great excitement that we welcomed the 2021 Kinders and shared morning tea with them on Tuesday. Everyone is looking forward to our fete tomorrow – a big thank you to the P&F for making this possible. Have a great weekend.
Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 We have enjoyed another wonderful week in the Year 6 classroom. In Maths we have been working on finding the mean of a group of numbers and plotting coordinates on a Cartesian number plane. During writing we have continued to work on using 'Show Don't Tell'. This technique is used in various kinds of texts to allow the reader to experience the story through action, words, thoughts, senses, and feelings rather than through the author's exposition, summarisation, and description. Year 6 is really looking forward to all the fun of the fete tomorrow and we are also super excited about the excursion in Week 6! We were able to film a few segments of our concert yesterday and we hope to finish filming the rest on Monday!
Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Mia van der Walt

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 6 November - Karen Harris & Tom Lesslie
Monday, 9 November - Katherine Gaff
Wednesday, 11 November - Donna Wheatley & Danelle Jones
Friday, 13 November - Lorraine Hutchison & Kate Luckie

