



ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

Jesus the Good Shepherd reaches out to us through the sacrament of Reconciliation and lovingly carries us home with a happy heart.

YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION

Yesterday Year 2 students received 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. To celebrate this special Sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Liturgy next Thursday, 19 November. Unfortunately adults are not allowed to attend the celebration due to COVID restrictions and as such there will be no morning tea afterwards. Please keep our Reconciliation class in your thoughts and prayers: **Chloe Alexander, Akhiro Baker, Arabella Chandler, Oli Chandler, Heidi Colwell, Mitchell Cosier, Bayley Dent, Lottie Duffy, Bella Ferguson, Claudia Harrison, Kellie Hutchison, Connor Jones-Copelin, Keaghan Lummis, Ellie McArd, Thomas McIsaac, Milla Morris, Eva Mulligan, Ella Murphy, Harrison Newton, Jessie O'Connor, Isabelle Peart, Oliver Peart, Lucy Profke, Lucas Riley, Bill Ryan, Mackenzie Skinner, Alana Spora, Andrew Standing, Indy Thomas, Harry Thurlow, Archie Valler, Peregrine Volkofsky, Ivy Zell, Lucy Zell.**

YEARS 5/6 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP KINCUMBER EXCURSION

For the first time in the history of St Joey's our Years 5 and 6 students will attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber next **Monday, 16 November to Wednesday, 18 November**. The students will complete a variety of activities including sailing in the giant swing, endeavouring to conquer a commando style obstacle course, abseiling down a tower, climbing trees using harnesses, campfires and much much more. It will be exhilarating and we can't wait. Here we come!!

JOEY'S FAB FETE

WOW – what a fantastic day the children had on Friday. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions we were not able to hold our annual school fete this year. However, our P & F organised five huge inflatable activities out on the playground for the children to enjoy. Each class rotated to each activity and the children had a great time. The children then got to savour a free bag of popcorn. Congratulations to our fantastic P & F Association who organised and paid for this day totally for the benefit of the children. Thank you so much to fete coordinators Karen Harris and Toni Fuller because without them there wouldn't have been a fete! Also, a special thanks to the staff of Joey's who ran the activities all day. We are most fortunate at St Joey's to have such a great parent organisation and staff.

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Congratulations to our 2021 Student Leaders on the outstanding presentation of their leadership speeches this week. All students were wonderful and these speeches will now be shown to the other classes in the school. Families will also be given the opportunity to view their child's speech. Well done Year 5, Joey's appears to be in safe hands in 2021!

ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

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

CREDIT: Sienna Zell, Clodagh Luckie, Chloe Harris.

CHICKENPOX

We have had a case of chicken pox reported at school. Please be on the alert for the symptoms of chicken pox such as an itchy blister-like rash on the skin and consult your family doctor if symptoms are noticed.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Thank you Year 3 for a most reverent Remembrance Day Mass yesterday. Also thank you to our infant classes for 'planting' poppies in the square as a sign of respect for the fallen. Year 6 attended the Remembrance Day Service

at the Gilgandra Cenotaph and all other classes observed a minute's silence and the playing of the 'Last Post'. ***Lest We Forget.***

'ALWAYS WAS ALWAYS WILL BE'

NAIDOC WEEK

This week we have been celebrating NAIDOC Week with a variety of activities. Our Aboriginal Education Worker, Mr Pearce, conducted a flag raising ceremony on Tuesday which included the national anthem sung in Aboriginal language. Thank you to Taylor Hayes, Jessie Riley, Molly Nichols and Ryder Ryan who gave the Welcome to Country. During the week Mr Pearce has visited all the classrooms and the children have really enjoyed learning about Aboriginal culture. Thank you Mr Pearce for leading us through NAIDOC Week.

BRIDIE'S JOURNEY

You may have read in the Gilgandra Weekly that Bridie Jordan, whose brother Dusty is in Kinder, and mum Laura and dad Damo, both came to Joey's, is having a kidney transplant today which has been donated to her by her dad. We wanted Bridie and her whole family to know that their Joey's family is thinking of them and praying for a quick and full recovery. Bridie continues to conquer all her battles with the love and help of her family and if you would like to assist you can go to her 'gofundme' page at <https://gf.me/u/y4c3f9>. Bridie certainly is an amazing little girl!

TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER

Our P&F Association is running a fundraiser with tea towels. Last Friday order forms were sent home with each family and are due back at school by **tomorrow, Friday, 13 November**, together with payment. Tea towels are \$15 each, 3 for \$40 or 5 for \$65. The tea towels are a great Christmas gift idea as they contain self portraits of the whole school!

SCHOOL BASED SWIMS SAFE LESSONS

(*enrolment forms & payment due today*)

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 previously been sent home with each infant student and are due with payment today. **If you have not already done so, please return the enrolment form, together with the sum of \$80.00 (if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the school) by tomorrow Friday, 13 November.** Payment may also be made via B-Pay using your school fee reference. We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills.

CONGRATULATIONS GRACE TANCRED

Congratulations to **Grace Tancred** who was today at assembly presented with an award for the High Distinction she received in her clarinet music exam which was conducted by the Australian Music Examinations Board. Well done Grace!!

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.
- External providers to support the delivery of curriculum are allowed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is back! The Reading Challenge is open to all students enrolled in our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bathurst. Students need to independently read 10 or more age-appropriate books during the summer school holidays to go in the draw to **win one of four iPads**. The challenge commences on Monday, 23 November and entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, 6 February, 2021. Further information including reading log is available from Mrs McIsaac or Mrs Thomas in the library.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Oliver Buckley** for using his knowledge of sounds to make great spelling choices, **Bella Hammond** for beautiful work in Religion, **Charlie Jones-Copelin** for trying hard to write his sounds correctly and **Maci Lomax** for being a great classroom helper and caring for others.

YEAR 1: **Regan Johnson** for great colouring of his creation picture, **Roxy Zell** for working co-operatively when making tessellating patterns, **Caitlin Younghusband** for beautifully presented bookwork and **Hannah Meers** for enthusiastic participation in Maths Warm Up.

YEAR 2: **Chloe Alexander** for confidently sharing news with the class, **Akhiro Baker** for fantastic work with time in Maths, **Claudia Harrison** for valuable contributions to class discussions, **Keaghan Lummis** for using great expression during his speaking part in our class item, **Eva Mulligan** for her wonderful effort in Comprehension groups and **Andrew Standing** for improvement in his handwriting and bookwork.

YEAR 3: **Clayton Wheatley** for a fantastic effort when using extended multiplication in Maths, **Caine Bugmy** for presenting a fabulous zoo project on the lion, **Cooper Lummis** for presenting a fantastic zoo project on the Cape hunting dog, **David McIsaac** for a great job categorising different verbs and **Amity Henry** for painting a lovely Remembrance Day artwork.

YEAR 4: **Kenedi Hazelton** for her persistence during Maths lessons, **Dimity Wykes** for her fantastic artwork using mixed medium techniques, **Vaughan Zell** for persistence with improving the presentation of his bookwork and **Lara Younghusband** for being a kind and caring class member.

YEAR 5: **Bonnie Henry** for fabulous work in Maths, **Emma Mills** for always being an enthusiastic class member, **Hudson Duffy** for being a conscientious and co-operative member of Year 5 and **Molly Temple** for reading with accuracy and expression.

YEAR 6: **Blake Fairey, Dakotah Gilmour, Rhyan Hutchison, Ethan Morris, Alison Mudford** and **Jordan Neeves** for outstanding results in Spelling.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5

Thursday, 12 November - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials

WEEK 6

Monday, 16 November to
Wednesday, 18 November - Years 5/6 Great Aussie Bush Camp
Kincumber 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

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 Another busy week has flown by in Kinder. To celebrate NAIDOC week, Mr Pearce came into our classroom to read us the Dreamtime story, "How the Birds Got their Colours". Mr Pearce also showed us lots of traditional Aboriginal tools that were used for hunting and making music. We loved listening to Mr Pearce play his didgeridoo! This week we commemorated Remembrance Day by making poppies to add to our poppy garden in the square and listening to the 'Last Post' followed by a minute silence in our classroom. We are continuing with our testing in Maths this week along with working on our portfolio tasks. We wrote some great stories about a bear and then painted one using a printing tool for texture. Today Dusty Jordan's little sister Bridie is having a big operation in Sydney and all of Kinder have been praying for her and the Jordan family. We will continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 had tons of fun at the fete on Friday! Thank you to the P&F for organising and the staff for running the day. We commenced our NAIDOC celebrations with a Welcome to Country and flag raising. We then had a small service in class to commemorate Remembrance Day. We have been very busy completing assessments in Maths and we also wrote imaginative, persuasive and recount texts as assessment tasks. Our book this week is "King Change A Lot" by Babette Cole. It certainly is a fun story. We've been working on some profile artworks about what we like. Hopefully we'll finish these this week and display them in our classroom. Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 Congratulations to our Year 2 students who celebrated their first Reconciliation yesterday. What a special afternoon for you all and we look forward to our Liturgy next week. We also made beautiful poppies yesterday and talked about the importance of Remembrance Day. On Tuesday Mr Pearce organised some craft activities for NAIDOC week. It was lots of fun, thank you Mr Pearce! We have been very busy with assessments this week, especially Essential Assessment in Maths and it has been wonderful to see the progress students have made. We have also started writing Christmas stories for our portfolios. Have a relaxing weekend everyone!

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 It has been a very busy week. Yesterday we celebrated a moving Remembrance Day Mass. Thank you Year 3 for your reverence to commemorate those who served in our armed forces. Lest We Forget. We also made lovely poppy artworks to decorate our church. We have continued to write our detailed recounts from our zoo excursion and they sound just as good as our day at the zoo. In Maths we have continued to work hard on our strands in Essential Assessment and there have been some fantastic improvements in results while in Maths we have looked at problem solving, missing numbers and drawing a plan. During Science we discussed the sun and why it is so important for all living things. Did you know that the sun is over 100 times larger than Earth? We wish Years 5 and 6 all the best as they head off on their excursion next week. Have a nice weekend everyone!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 Fete day was as fantastic as we all hoped it would be. A huge thank you to all who organised the day. Filming has now been completed for the Year 4 class performance. It is going to be fabulous when all the pieces are put together. Remembrance Day involved sharing several picture books and poems with the class. During Art we made poppies using paper tearing techniques and illustrated a poem. Assessments continue this week ready for the reporting period. During Literacy we are busy researching the venues we will be visiting during our excursion at the end of November. The excitement is building as we discover the possible activities we may be able to do. Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 The excitement is building with only four sleeps until Years 5 and 6 embark on their adventure to the Kincumber Bush Camp on the Central Coast. This week we also presented our 2021 Leadership Speeches. Everyone did a fantastic job and should be very proud of themselves. In Maths we are completing Essential Assessment tasks and learnt some fun facts about Pope Francis in Religion. In Geography we discussed Antarctic explorers and investigated the health risks associated with living in Antarctica. As part of NAIDOC week we created some brightly coloured sand pictures of some iconic Australian animals. Thank you to Mr Pearce who organised this great activity.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 Yesterday Year 6 proudly represented Joey's at the Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph and we commend them on their reverence and respect. In Religion we have learnt about the importance of remembering and acknowledging people who have made sacrifices for us. Our Writing task has also complimented this theme as we have been writing letters of gratitude for some very special people in our lives. During Maths we have been busy completing Essential Assessments and there has been some significant positive growth in results. It is revision week in Spelling and in Grammar we are also reviewing what we have learnt this semester. On Monday we enjoyed some NAIDOC activities and we thank Mr Pearce for organising everything. We are really looking forward to our long awaited excursion next week! It should be an action packed few days!

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 13 November - Lorraine Hutchison & Kate Luckie

Monday, 16 November - Helen Naef & Amy Naef

Wednesday, 18 November - Jade Zell & David Zell

Friday, 20 November - Catherine Neeves & Jill O'Connor

