

ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

*Speak in such a way that others love to listen to you.
Listen in such a way that others love to speak to you.*



CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE – REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to the students and staff who attended the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday. It was very encouraging to have Joey's represented at the service held at St Ambrose, the march and finally the Remembrance Day Service. Some of our students dressed in period costume and made lots of noise in the Tin Can Band. The Centenary of Armistice is a significant event in our history and it is a time we remember all those who have served. Lest We Forget.

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. A highlight was viewing the new Lions Pride Exhibit. To conclude the excursion the students had a lesson in the education centre where they got to pat a brushtail possum and a stick insect. The children also had a close-up experience with a snake and a frog. A great time was had by all!

DIOCESAN SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Best of luck to **Ethan Morris, Ryder Ryan, Nick Kirsop, Charlie Zell** (Basketball), **Nick Tancred, Will Younghusband, Will Spora, Harry Mudford, Charlotte Ferguson, Jordan Neeves** (Cricket) and **Nick Gale, Elten Walker, Hayden Ferguson, Blake Fairey, Ryan Ferguson, Billie Allan, Lilla Oehm, Eva Bonnington, Grace Tancred** (Touch) who are today participating in the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials in Dubbo. A full write up will be included in next week's About.

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. Reconciliation will continue this Saturday, 17 November at 10:00 a.m. for those children who did not make their Reconciliation on Tuesday. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass on Sunday, 25 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.

GODBER FAMILY

It was with great sadness that we received the news of the death of Luke and Katie Godber's infant son, Harry. After being born premature, Harry put up a brave fight but unfortunately lost his battle last Friday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Luke and Katie, Harry's sisters, Chloe, Layney and Regan, his grandparents, family and friends.

NOVEMBER P & F MEETING

The November P & F Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 20 November. As this will be the final meeting for 2018, **the meeting will be held at the Services Club at 7:30 p.m.** Our P & F has made a wonderful contribution to our school in 2018 and I would like to thank and congratulate the hardworking executive, the members of the P & F Association who have coordinated fundraising activities, those who have assisted at these activities, helped out in the canteen and attended the meetings.

KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION

The Knowledge Explosion, for all children in Years 3 – 6, will be held **tomorrow** Friday, 16 November and next Friday, 23 November. The Knowledge Explosion exposes the children to new activities that they may not otherwise have the chance to experience. This year the activities include: Mosaic Pots, Woodwork, Cooking, Drama, Robotics, Movie Making, Welding, Art and Dance. A special thank you to Mr Roy Duncan (woodwork), Amy Naef (art), Jenny Kilby (cooking) and Greg Larkin (welding) for giving up their time and sharing their expertise in these activities. Also, thank you to Craig Gilmour for allowing us to use his shed for welding.

YEAR 6

Tomorrow we welcome Year 6 from Gilgandra Public School who will play a friendly game of soccer against our Year 6 students from 11:30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Hopefully they will continue to visit so we can enjoy a variety of games.

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, 3 December to Friday, 14 December **at a cost of \$90.00** (this does not include pool entry). **Please return the enrolment form, together with the sum of \$90.00 (if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the school) by tomorrow Friday, 16 November.** We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills.

SCHOOL SURVEY

With today's About is a brief survey which we are asking parents to complete and return to the school office by next Friday, 23 November. We are required each year to complete an Annual Report that is submitted to the Commonwealth Government and published to the community. One of the requirements of this report is to have surveyed the school parents to ascertain levels of satisfaction with various aspects of the school. The survey is a simple one that requires only four ticks, one for each element. Your cooperation in completing this survey and returning it to school by Friday, 23 November is appreciated.

NDIS FAMILY WORKSHOP

The Better Start team at Carers NSW are running a FREE workshop for parents and guardians of children with disability aged up to 12 years of age. You will be able to meet other parents and talk about your NDIS experience, what the ECEI Pathway is and how to access it, ways to speak up for your child, transition to school and school supports, subsidised supports and services in your area. The workshop will be held at the Westside Hotel, 22-30 Wylandra Street, Dubbo on Thursday, 22 November from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m with registration being held at 9:15 a.m. A morning tea and a light lunch will be provided. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by phoning 1800 242 636 or email betterstart@carersnsw.org.au.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Jessie O'Connor** for writing with care, **Indy Thomas** for reverence at the Remembrance Day Service, **Ivy Zell** and **Joe O'Brien** for writing great recounts of our trip to Hunter Park and **Mackenzie Skinner** for lovely work on her Geography portfolio task.

YEAR 1: **Cooper Lummis** for improved effort in Handwriting, **Isla Volkofsky** for super effort in all areas, **Max Fiddes** for wonderful spelling results and **Anna Walker** for working well in Maths.

YEAR 2: **Georgia Tancred** and **Makynli Hazelton** for taking great pride in their Reconciliation booklets, **Alexia Riley** for terrific improvement in Spelling, **Dimity Wykes** and **Poppy-Grace Newton** for great work in Reading Groups and **Lara Younghusband** for working well in groups.

YEAR 3: **Darcy Morris** for working diligently in Maths, **Isabelle Mudford** for being a responsible class member, **Jordan Wighton** for a great effort in oral fluency and **Stuart Wheatley** for sensational paper chipping skills in Art.

YEAR 4: **Tahleigh Davey** for great participation during our 'Community Design' task in Geography, **Charlotte Ferguson** for having a cheerful approach to all aspects of Year 4, **Dakotah Gilmour** for trying hard to improve her persuasive writing, **Ella Mudford** for trying to include more difficult and challenging words in her writing, **Emilia Peart** for showing persistence with multiplication questions in Maths and **Sienna Zell** for accurately identifying similes and metaphors in Grammar.

YEAR 5: **Will Spora** for working hard to solve difficult problems in Maths, **Harry Mudford** for asking inquiring questions in Maths, **Jett Tarrant** and **Grace Winter** for beautiful singing and reverence at our Remembrance Day Service and **Hayden Ferguson** for working hard at improving his comprehension skills.

YEAR 6: **Dennis Gale** for improvement in his reading fluency, **Breanna Foster** for great work in Reading Groups, **Camilla Beveridge** for accurate use of the dash in Grammar and **Dylen Murray** for coming up with creative ideas for narrative writing.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5

- Thursday, 15 November - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials
 - Year 4 Communion Service – 10:30 a.m.
 Friday, 16 November - Knowledge Explosion
 - Soccer – Year 6 –v- Public School – 11:30 a.m.
 - 12.00 p.m.
 Saturday, 17 November - Year 2 First Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

WEEK 6

- Tuesday, 20 November - P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, 21 November - Year 6 – GHS Transition – 2:00 p.m.
 Friday, 23 November - Knowledge Explosion
 - Year 5 Policy Speeches
 Sunday, 25 November - Christ the King Sunday Mass – Year 2 – 9:30 a.m.

WEEK 7 **Year 6 Reconciliation**

- Monday, 26 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
 Tuesday, 27 November - Summer Sports Trials back-up date
 - Year 5 Policy Speeches
 Wednesday, 28 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
 - Kinder Cooee Visit – 11:00 a.m.
 - Year 6 – GHS Transition – 2:00 p.m.
 Thursday, 29 November - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

- Thursday, 29 November /
 Friday, 30 November - Year 4 Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam
 Excursion

- Saturday, 1 December - Christmas Carols in the Park
 Sunday, 2 December - First Sunday of Advent

WEEK 8

- Monday, 3 December - Infants Swimming commences
 - Year 6 PD Evening – 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, 5 December - Year 6 – GHS Transition – 2:00 p.m.
 Friday, 7 December - Ear Bus
 Sunday, 9 December - Second Sunday of Advent

WEEK 9

- Thursday, 13 December - Leaving Families BBQ
 - Social
 Friday, 14 December - Year 6 Picnic
 - Infants swimming finishes
 - Reports and Portfolios home
 Sunday, 16 December - Third Sunday of Advent

WEEK 10

- Monday, 17 December - End of Year Mass and Presentations – 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, 18 December - Pool Parties
 Wednesday, 19 December - Last Day Term 4

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kinder has enjoyed reading 'The Bear's Lunch' and writing a sequel to the story. We certainly came up with some very imaginative ideas. We have been exploring word families and brainstorming words that rhyme. In Maths we have started revising all the fabulous concepts we have learnt this year; number patterns, ordinal numbers and place value. A big thank you to the Kinder children who joined in the march on Sunday for Remembrance Day. It was great to hear you banging your pots and pans and participating so enthusiastically! In Science we explored objects we could roll, bounce and slide as part of our On the Move unit. Have a great weekend.

Miss Smith & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 1 This week we have begun Maths testing and are enjoying using the iPads to complete different topic assessments. In Science we ventured outside to conduct experiments on what happens to water when poured on various surfaces and discussed what happens to water when it soaks into the ground. We created a story web of ourselves in Religion and wrote a description of a dragon in Text Types. In Art we completed work on a paper bag pig and a paper plate wolf which was inspired by the traditional tale of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Schier

YEAR 2 Congratulations to the children who made their first Reconciliation on Tuesday and to those making theirs on Saturday. You are to be congratulated on taking this important step in your faith journey. We look forward to preparing the Christ the King Mass, with our classmates, to celebrate this special occasion. It has been a busy week of testing and assessing in Year 2 and it is terrific to note fabulous improvement in everyone's results across Maths and English – well done everyone. The sound focus in Spelling was 'j, ge' and during Grammar we revisited many concepts covered so far this year. Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Harvey

YEAR 3 What a fantastic excursion we had last Friday at the zoo! It was great to hear all about everyone's favourite animals and Year 3 are writing some fantastic recounts of their day. This week we have completed some standardised testing and we have also begun some maths assessments. During Maths we have looked at problem solving and missing numbers. In Grammar we have reviewed tense verbs and how they tell us about the past, present or future as well as adverbs. During Science we observed our seeds which have begun to sprout and discussed how seeds can grow faster under different conditions. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Morris & Mrs Colwell

YEAR 4 Thank you to everyone who came along to our Year 4 Communion Service today, it was wonderful to have you there to celebrate with us and to share morning tea together. We are now getting very excited for our excursion which is only two weeks away! Year 4 has been busy completing a range of assessments this week as the year comes to a close. Students have also been writing their expositions, aiming to include elements of each of the Seven Steps to persuade the reader to agree with them. We have been doing revision in Grammar and students have enjoyed collecting and describing insects during Science with Mrs McIsaac. Some of our students participated in Summer Sports Trials today, we hope you enjoyed your day! Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Mr Keady & Miss Giffin

YEAR 5 This week we have been working hard on our policy speeches. It is wonderful to see everyone's ideas and goals for being great leaders next year. These speeches will be presented in front of the school during Weeks 6 and 7. In Maths we have been completing assessments to measure the children's learning in all the mathematical strands. Well done to all the children who have been making an effort to improve their reading skills – according to the latest Literacy Pro test there has been a huge improvement in lexile scores! We are all excited about Knowledge Explosion tomorrow – it will be fantastic to expand our skills and knowledge in an activity of our choice!

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

YEAR 6 This week Year 6 has put their final touches on their narratives titled 'Imagine'. They were very imaginative and there was a variety of techniques used to engage the reader. In Maths we have learnt about constructing circles, problem solving and Roman Numerals. Our Grammar activities have focused on identifying subjects and predicates in sentences. Spelling activities have been revising rules and sounds that we have previously covered this term. In Geography we have learnt about the Antarctic Treaty and also ways in which we can help protect Antarctica. Year 6 had a wonderful time at Gilandra High School yesterday afternoon during our transition session. It was great to learn about the many changes that take place next year. Have a great weekend!

Mr Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 16 November – Melanie Ferguson & Helen Oates
 Monday, 19 November – Alicia Harrison & Kristy Cosier
 Wednesday, 21 November – Gai Maree Younghusband & Amanda Chandler
 Friday, 23 November – JB & Alison Tancred

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 18 November – Olivia McClelland & Oli Schier

