



ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

Always end the day with a positive thought.

No matter how hard things were...

Tomorrow's a fresh opportunity to make it better.

FABULOUS FETE

We were blessed with the weather last Friday evening for our school fete with the huge crowd enjoying all the activities and the variety of stalls. Many thanks to Fete Coordinator, Rochelle Godber who did a great job bringing it all together. Thank you also to the stall coordinators who organised the various stalls, the families from our school who donated so many goods and their time to ensure such a successful fete and to the Gilgandra community for attending the fete, purchasing tickets and supporting our school. Congratulations to the following raffle winners:

Cow Pat Lotto - Ashley Foran & Mattea Purvis

Raffle 1st Prize - Simone Fordham

2nd Prize - Anna Peart

3rd Prize - Rob Purvis

YEARS 5/6 SYDNEY EXCURSION

The Years 5 and 6 students, their teachers and parents are having a sensational time in Sydney this week. Our travellers left at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday and visited Scenic World in Katoomba including the Skyway, Railway and Cableway and then enjoyed a tour of Allianz Stadium. On Wednesday they walked across the Harbour Bridge and went on the Rocks Walking tour, took a cruise on the harbour, visited Sydney Aquarium, Parliament House and the Sydney Opera House before enjoying dinner at Darling Harbour and visiting Madame Tussauds. Today they have visited the National Maritime Museum, Sydney Tower and Mary MacKillop Place before enjoying a swim at the Sydney Aquatic Centre. Tomorrow's itinerary includes participating in a surf safe program at Collaroy Beach and a trip to Luna Park before departing Sydney at 4:00 p.m. and stopping at McDonalds in Lithgow for tea. Our weary travellers are expected to arrive back at school tomorrow night at approximately 10:30 p.m. Wow! What a trip. We look forward to having everyone back at school next week and hearing all about their adventures.

YEAR 4 LEADERS

The Year 4 students have been doing a fantastic job as our school leaders while the Years 5 and 6 students have been in Sydney. Well done Year 4!

SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to all the students who have participated in our Summer Sports Trials held over the past few weeks. All the children were so enthusiastic and it made the selection process very difficult. Well done! The following students will now compete in the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials to be held in Dubbo next Tuesday, 10 November. Best of luck to: **Jacob Wilson, Lachlan Riley, Hamish Beveridge** (Cricket), **Isaiah Gleadhill, Rhys O'Neill** (Basketball), **Rani Diggs, Ashleigh Carlow** (Touch) and **Harrison King** (Tennis).

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Wednesday, 11 November

Year 4 students are preparing a Remembrance Day Mass to be celebrated in St Joseph's Church on Wednesday, 11 November at 10:30 a.m. All are most welcome to attend. Morning tea will follow Mass so please bring a plate to share. Year 6 will attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Gilgandra War Memorial as a sign of respect for all those brave men and women who have served our country in all wars. Lest We Forget.

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.

YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION

Year 2 has been very 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 next Thursday, 12 November at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, 14 November at 10:00 a.m. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass on Sunday, 22 November at 9:45 a.m. during which the 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.

NRL CLINICS

Tomorrow, Friday, 6 November and next Friday, 13 November, 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club orders must be in no later than Friday, 13 November. This is the final Book Club for the year and might be an opportunity to purchase some great books for Christmas presents. We also have library bags for sale for \$4.00 each. Please see Mrs Hodge or myself if you would like to buy one. *Mrs Kilby*

MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

On Wednesday, 18 November at 12:50 p.m. teachers from the Macquarie Conservatorium of Music are going to demonstrate a variety of instruments for the children in Years 2 – 5. Parents are welcome to attend. If you would like your child to be taught to play one of these instruments you can speak to the conservatorium staff after the demonstration.

CRAFT MARKET – PROUDLY SUPPORTING

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

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: **Abbie Skinner** and **Eliza Mudford** for always 'Giving Of Their Best' in all areas and **Isabelle Mudford** and **Jonas Naden** for their confident reading during our Liturgy.

YEAR 1: **Sam Dunn** for writing a great imaginative story about a witch, **Tahleigh Davey** for super sentence work, **Declan Gale** for writing great stories with super 'sounding out', **Sienna Horne** for wonderful creative artwork, **Indi Murphy** for being a Maths wizard, **Charlie Zell** for sharing very interesting news about his great grandfather and **Millie Spora** for a huge improvement in Story Writing.

YEAR 2: **Elten Walker** for an imaginative story about Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, **Ben Harland** and **Ava Meyers** for great work in Comprehension and **Grace Winter** for a good effort in Maths Operations.

YEAR 3: **Daniel Kirsop** for working hard to sound out tricky words, **Jack Oehm** for using his comprehension skills to find the purpose of paragraphs, **Sarah Temple** for coming up with great ideas for narrative writing, **Chloe Mudford** for great work with multiplication and **Emma Durrant** for contributing to mathematical discussions.

YEAR 4: **Marshall Fairey** for expertly converting lengths from metres to centimetres, **Harrison King** for working well to create 3D shapes from modelling clay, **Mackaylah Ross** for increasing confidence when rounding decimals and **Will Fuller** for reading with increased understanding.

YEAR 5: **Hamish Beveridge**, **Ella McAnally-Elwin**, **Aliza Purvis** and **Thomas Durrant** for always presenting their Sydney Interviews with expression and enthusiasm.

YEAR 6: **Lauchlan Bash** for contributing positively to class discussions, **Tarah Foran** for greeting people with a beautiful smile, **Will Sandford** for offering to help without being asked, **Rebecca Gaff** for being a great school leader and **Jye Day** and **Martin Fryers** for showing great enthusiasm during Parliament debating.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5 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. 1915 Dress-Up Day
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.

WEEK 7 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 Development Day
Friday, 20 November	-	Knowledge Explosion
Sunday, 22 November	-	Christ the King Sunday Mass – Year 2 – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 8 Year 5 Reconciliation

Monday, 23 November	-	Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
Tuesday, 24 November	-	Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
Wednesday, 25 November	-	Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches 'Pass the Poetry Please' School Performance Tour
Thursday, 26 November	-	AEW Meeting Year 3 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 26 & Friday, 27 November	-	Year 4 Wellington Caves Excursion
Sunday, 29 November	-	1 st Sunday of Advent

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week the Kindergarten students wrote some great stories. The main focus was to include as much information as possible. Our book this week has been "The Bear's Lunch". We have been focusing on predictions in the story and looking at words unfamiliar to us. This week we have been revising the sounds 'sh', 'th', 'ch' and 'wh'. The students cut out pictures and sorted them into the right sound column. During Mathematics we revised how we can measure mass. We discussed terms like 'hefting' and experimented with different items to see which was lighter or heavier. During our Science lesson the class discussed how toys move. In PDHPE we spoke about trust and how we know when to trust someone. We then drew someone we trusted in our community. Just a reminder to make sure the students have their name on all their belongings. Take care. *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 This week we have enjoyed interviewing our grandparents to find out all about the activities they enjoyed, the food they ate and what they did on weekends when they were growing up. Wow, how things have changed!! In Grammar we are learning all about adverbs and how they help verbs. We wrote a detailed recount about the Joey's fete and a description about the creature that scared the dragon in our book, "Room On The Broom". In Art we made some crazy 'jack-o-lanterns' to decorate our classroom. We hope all our friends in Years 5 and 6 have a fantastic Sydney excursion. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 This week we decorated our royal crowns with beautiful gems and read about dragons. We then created our own dragon to write a fictional information report. We completed our Diagnostic Review in Maths and have enjoyed seeing everyone's baby photos during our Science lessons. Great excitement filled the hall on Tuesday as we all cheered on the winner in the Melbourne Cup and some lucky students won a chockie in the class sweep. We know everyone enjoyed the school fete last Friday as our class shared many stories about the fun they had. A big thank you to all the families who contributed to its success. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 It sounds like everyone had such a great time at our school fete on Friday. A big thank you to all the helpers who gave up their time to make our fete such a success. In Maths this week we have learnt about two dimensional shapes, cubic centimetres and addition to 9999. We also wrote a narrative titled 'Once in a Lifetime' and it was great to see lots of creativity in our writing. In PDH we discussed bus rules and why they are important to keep us safe. In Grammar we revised adjectives and discussed how they can be used to enhance our writing. Year 3 is very excited to dress up for Remembrance Day next Wednesday. Keep up the great work Year 3! *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 Congratulations to the Year 4 students who have been busy looking after all the jobs that Year 6 are usually in charge of – you have been great leaders of the school! This week Year 4 has been busy learning about the 'ere' and 'ear' sound in Spelling along with homophones. For Writing we have written a recount of our time at the fete last Friday. We have also begun to look at the structure and purpose of discussions. During Maths we have been busy completing assessment tasks while we have also learnt about number patterns and the collection of data to produce a graph. For Religion we have begun preparing for our Remembrance Day Mass next week. Hope to see you all there. *Miss Smith*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 6 November – Alicia Heffer
Monday, 9 November – Nikki Church & Christine Harland
Wednesday, 11 November – Katherine Gaff
Friday, 13 November – Rachel Kirsop & Amy Spora

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 8 November – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Jacob Wilson, Olivia Newstead