



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.

FANTASTIC FETE

A fantastic school fete was once again held last Friday afternoon with the huge crowd enjoying all the activities and the variety of stalls. Many thanks to Fete Coordinator, Mel Ferguson 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 Lloyd Gwyn who was the winner of the Cow Pat Lotto. A big thank you to Ken and Paula Purvis, Dean & Mel Ferguson and Andrew & Meichelle Schier who donated beef, lamb and chicken which was auctioned at the fete, to Anthony Thurlow for transporting the meat to the abattoirs and to 3D's Butchery for cutting up the meat free of charge. Thank you to Luke Godber who donated 'Day on the Green' tickets. Thank you also to Uncle Pete's Toys, Hogsbreath Café and Wes Morris for their donations to the Everyone's A Winner Stall.

GET WELL SOON RYLEY

Our Year 1 student, Ryley Smith underwent a serious operation in Sydney last week to remove a tumour from his brain. We are all keeping Ryley, his parents, David and Karen, sister Laura, grandparents, other family members and friends in our thoughts and prayers. Yesterday we sent home some raffle tickets to raise money for the family to help with the many expenses they are incurring at the moment. Also, if you are able to donate any non-perishable items for a hamper to give to the family, that would be greatly appreciated. We thank Lexine Mallison for organising this raffle and all those who have kindly donated prizes.

CWA PROJECTS

Earlier this term Years 5 and 6 completed projects for the CWA Project Competition. The country of study was the Republic of Botswana. Some students' projects went onto the next level of competition, the CWA of NSW Macquarie Group. Congratulations goes to the following students: **Matthew Ferguson** – 1st place Poster Project, **Grace Lummis** – 2nd place Poster Project, **Deklyn Lummis** – 2nd place Book Project, **William Sandford** – Highly Commended, **Charlotte Banks** – Highly Commended, **Milla Banks** – Patron's Award

CHRISTMAS STORYTELLING COMPETITION

This competition was open to students in many dioceses in NSW. Children were asked to reflect on Christmas passages from the Bible, create an artwork depicting the images and mood of their chosen story and then write a description of their artwork. All of Year 6 entered the competition and three finalists from our school were selected from the Bathurst Diocesan schools: **Mitchell Gaff**, **Georgia Horan** and **Harriet Beveridge**. They received a beautiful wooden crucifix. Congratulations to these fantastic artists!

KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION

The Knowledge Explosion for all children in Years 3 to 6 will commence this Friday, 7 November at 2:00 p.m. It will be held over three weeks and will continue next Friday, 14 November and Friday, 21 November. The children were surveyed as to what special activity they would like to learn more about and these include: Calligraphy, Welding, Maths, Scrapbooking, iPads, Mosaic Tiling, Woodwork, Cooking and Christmas Decorations. A special thank you to our community volunteers, Michael O'Neill, Harry

Langes, Joe & Judy Shalhoub and Roy Duncan, for giving up their time so the children can experience these wonderful activities.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

The Catholic Education Office has provided a counsellor for each of the schools in the Bathurst Diocese. Our counsellor is Miss Brittany Ward, an employee of Centacare. Brittany will spend one day a fortnight at our school and will provide support for teachers, students and parents. Her role within the school will involve working closely with teachers and staff to assist students as well as working with students one on one. Some of the services Brittany will be offering the school include; promoting positive mental health strategies, providing school staff, parents and students with information regarding mental health and well-being, communicating with school staff and parents regarding specific needs of particular students, face to face counselling and small group programmes for students. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Brittany on brittany.dubbo@centacarebathurst.com.au

BEATING AROUND THE BUSH

Our Term 4 School Performance is 'Beating Around The Bush' and it will be performed on Monday, 10 November at 2:00 p.m. 'Beating Around The Bush' features a huge array of percussion instruments along with the very latest state-of-the-art electronic drums and percussion available today. Percussion through the ages, rhythms and patterns, drum techniques and styles will all be explained in this energetic presentation.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Tuesday, 11 November

Year 5 students are preparing a Remembrance Day Mass to be celebrated in St Joseph's Church on Tuesday, 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.

SCHOOL SURVEY

With today's About is a brief survey which we are asking parents to complete and return to the school office by Friday, 28 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, 28 November is appreciated.

HEALTHY EARS PUPPET SHOW

Healthy Ears puppets Snotty Sam and Lucy present a fun show to teach children about their eustachian tubes and how it is important to keep them clear to have healthy ears. We learn correct nose blowing techniques as well as learning the daily prevention program called Breathe, Blow, Cough, Wash, Chew. Staff are given healthy ears tips to compliment their daily teaching. This is the first time that the Ear Bus Project has covered all schools in the entire town to teach prevention and awareness of Otitis Media (ear disease).

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER: Declan Gale** for trying hard with his

reading, **Kimblee Gilmour** for her fantastic witch story, **Sienna Horne** for writing an interesting story about fairies, **Tia Allan** and **Sienna Zell** for beautiful reading at our Liturgy and **Alex Gaff** for great counting backwards from 20. **YEAR 1:** **Fletcher Jackson** for painting an awesome scarecrow, **Jett Chandler** for writing a creative narrative about 'Stick Man', **Elten Walker** for writing a very exciting narrative about 'Stick Man', **Ben Standing** for super work matching digital and analog times and **Will Spora** for fantastic work using halves and quarters. **YEAR 2:** **Kate Woollams** for beautiful writing in her Handwriting book, **Luke O'Neill** for attentive listening during news, **Jack Oehm** for working well with others and **Emily Zell** for a consistent effort to produce accurate work. **YEAR 3:** **Marshall Fairey** for showing creativity in his narrative writing, **Laura Farragher** for working hard to complete all set tasks, **Ella Wykes** for answering tricky questions with confidence, **Bradley Kildey** for trying hard to improve his standard of bookwork, **Kelsey Hutchison** for being a kind and considerate member of Year 3 and **William Gaff** for always being well organised for set tasks. **YEAR 4:** **Billie Buckland** and **Tom Eason** for good work in Spelling and Sentence A Day, **Lachlan Riley** and **Amber Tarrant** for fantastic work in Maths Challenges and **Ella McAnally-Elwin** for super work in Religion and Gospel Challenges. **YEAR 5:** **Jye Day** and **Darren Doherty** for continued enthusiasm when working on Maths activities, **Tarah Foran** for her mature approach to all tasks and **Olivia Newstead** for working diligently to achieve her learning goals. **YEAR 6:** **Harriet Beveridge** & **Mitchell Carlow** for terrific improvement in Spelling, **Maddie Eason** for working hard in Maths Operations and **Matthew Ferguson** for being an enthusiastic member of Year 6.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>WEEK 5</u>	<i>Year 5 Reconciliation</i>
Friday, 7 November	- Brittany Ward–School Counsellor
	- Knowledge Explosion
<u>WEEK 6</u>	<i>Year 2 Reconciliation</i>
Monday, 10 November	- 'Beating Around The Bush' Performance – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 11 November	- Remembrance Day Mass – Year 5 (K-5) – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 13 November	- Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
	- Backyard League – Years 3-6
Friday, 14 November	- Knowledge Explosion
<u>WEEK 7</u>	<i>Father Martin away on Retreat</i>
Tuesday, 18 November	- Kinder Orientation Day
	- Summer Sports Trials - Dubbo
Wednesday, 19 November	- Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
	- Final Active After Schools
Thursday, 20 November	- Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
	- Backyard League – Years 3-6
Friday, 21 November	- Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
	- Brittany Ward–School Counsellor
	- Knowledge Explosion
<u>WEEK 8</u>	<i>Year 3 Reconciliation</i>
Monday, 24 November	- Student Council Voting
	- Year 6 PD Evening
Tuesday, 25 November	- Summer Sports Trials back-up
Wednesday, 26 & Thursday, 27 November	- AEW Meeting
Thursday, 27 & Friday, 28 November	- Year 4 Wellington Caves Excursion
Thursday, 27 November	- Year 2 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 30 November	- 1 st Sunday of Advent
	- Church Anniversary Mass

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kinder revised all their sounds and had fun finding rhyming words that ended in 'et', 'en' and 'an'. We also enjoyed reading "Fancy That!" by Pamela Allen and colouring a mighty fine rooster in Art. Our recount about the fete highlighted just how much fun we all had on the rides and fun activities that were organised. Thank you to all our families and friends who helped to make it such a great afternoon. In HSIE we have listed all the requirements our pets would need if we are to be responsible pet owners. In our PDHPE unit about 'Keeping Myself Safe' we watched

a short clip about how to use a pedestrian crossing and the importance of walking along the streets safely. Remember to stop, look, listen and think!! We have read the story of "Noah's Ark" in Religion and are completing a mural in Art. Have a great weekend. *Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 1 It has been a busy week in Year 1. We have been completing a variety of activities about the 'dr' sound and we have explored homophones in Grammar. In Writing we have written a free choice narrative. This week we have also completed a variety of Maths and Comprehension assessments whilst during HSIE we watched a short clip and discussed what it was like when our grandparents were growing up. We have written cards to Ryley and are keeping him in our prayers. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 2 What fabulous fun we had at the fete last Friday. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help make it such a wonderful afternoon! We also enjoyed the excitement of the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday and participating in our class sweep. Yesterday we visited the public school to watch a puppet show teaching us the importance of hearing properly and the work of the Ear Bus project. Our Grammar focus is homographs and in Maths we've looked at the 5 and 10 times tables, finding the difference and using calendars. We've begun a new Religion unit "Caring for all God's Creation" and in HSIE we've looked at early transport and how people travelled around before we had cars. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 A big thank you to all the helpers at the fete last Friday. It was wonderful to hear how much fun we all had. In Writing this week we completed our narratives about our own 'fictional places'. Our Grammar activity led us to revisit speech marks and how to use them accurately while proofreading. In Comprehension we answered questions about book titles, authors and illustrators. We have been learning about 3D shapes and their nets in Maths. Year 3 got the opportunity to explore and create all the different nets of a cube. In Art we completed our weaving activity, which look great. Well done Year 3! *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 Wow – what a wonderful fete last Friday! Everyone has written a great recount about their fun and adventures, particularly the bungee run, zorbing ball and the bucking bull! During the week we focused on compound words and direct speech in our grammar and spelling work. Maths challenged us with fraction work, decimal notation and number patterns. It was a lovely Mass this morning and the Year 4 students are to be commended for their reverence and beautiful reflection that reminded us about using God's gifts in our everyday lives. Tomorrow is the start of Knowledge Explosion and we can't wait to try out some great activities in the weeks to come. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 5 The countdown is on – with under 2 weeks until we deliver our policy speeches to the school. We have been spending time in class refining our presentations. In Maths we have been looking at converting remainders into fractions as well as finding out the highest common factor between a set of numbers. We have also taken time to reflect upon our Mass next Tuesday and discussed as a class why we believe Remembrance Day is so important. We would love to see as many people as possible come along to help us remember our fallen next Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and if the children could bring a plate of food to share for morning tea that would be excellent. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 This week we have been working hard in HSIE looking at exports and imports and how they keep us globally connected. In groups we explored the advantages and disadvantages of imports and investigated the difference between capital, consumer and intermediate goods. Our writing tasks have included explanations and drafts of our free choice speeches, which are due Monday 17 November. In Maths we have looked at timelines and adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. We are really looking forward to the Knowledge Explosion tomorrow where we will be learning lots of new fabulous skills! Can't wait!

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 7 November – Roslyn Zell & Sussane Gilmour
Monday, 10 November – Daniele Diggs & Kate McClelland
Wednesday, 12 November – Amanda Shalhoub-Purvis & Belinda Murray
Friday, 14 November – Kylie Carlow & Leanne Creanaune

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 9 November – Georgia Horan, Kate Gilmour, James O'Neill, Lachlan Fairey