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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.

YEAR 1 POLICE STATION VISIT

Our Year 1 students had a fabulous visit to the Police Station on Monday. We thank Senior Constable King and Constable Mel who showed the children around the station and even organised a ride back to school in the police wagon. This excursion was part of the Year 1 Geography unit, 'People and Places'.

KINDER ORIENTATION DAY

We had a great day on Tuesday as we welcomed our 2018 Kinder class. It was our pleasure to have our newest members of the Joey's family at school to give them a small taste of big school. We can't wait to see them all next year. Many thanks to Miss Smith, Mrs Spora and Mrs Alchin for ensuring an enjoyable morning for the children.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

After a nice lunch in the peaceful gardens at Mary MacKillop Place we went on a spectacular tour through Alma Cottage where we got to see the exact room that Mary had spent her last moments. Mary's motto is - 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. Molly Fairey, Jade Elsom, Sarah Temple

TALENT QUEST

St Joey's certainly has some talented performers and this was evident to all at the Talent Quest held at school yesterday. The children sang, danced, recited poetry, played the piano, hoola-hooped, performed gymnastics and a comedy skit. They were all magnificent. Congratulations to all our performers and thank you for a great afternoon's entertainment. Thanks also to Mr Soares, Mrs Banks, other staff members and our Year 6 leaders for ensuring such a successful show. Well done! Our talented performers included: **Scarlett Chandler, Poppy-Grace Newton, Brooke Beaton, Evie Peart, Lara Youngusband, Hope Jones-Copelin, Kaycee Bugmy, Eva Bonnington, Grace Tancred, Jordan Neeves, Charlotte Ferguson, Bradley Gibson, Amity Chapman, Molly Temple, Jaida Tarrant, Eliza Mudford, Dakotah Gilmour, Indi Murphy, Taylor Hayes, Grace Jones-Copelin, Madison Riley, Kate Woollams, Camilla Beveridge, Emma Durrant, Chloe Mudford, Emily Zell, Sarah Temple, Molly Fairey, Tilla Chandler, Kenedi Hazelton, Makynli Hazelton, Toby Davis, Emily Standing, Jessica Ibe, Kimbalee Gilmour, Paige Gilmour, Ethan Morris, Nick Kirsop, Charlie Zell, Laura Youngusband, Olivia McClelland.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Tomorrow, Friday, 10 November

As Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year our Year 5 students are preparing a Remembrance Day Communion Service to be celebrated in St Joseph's Church tomorrow, Friday, 10 November at 10:30 a.m. All are most welcome to attend. Morning tea will follow the service so please bring a plate to share. Lest We Forget.

DIOCESAN SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to all the students who have participated in our Summer Sports Trials held over the past week. 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 on Tuesday, 14 November. Best of luck to: **Luke O'Neill** (Basketball), **Emily Zell, Isaac Grimshaw, Jack Oehm, Darcy Neeves, Oscar Spora** (Cricket) and **Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Nick Gale, Dylon Murray and Jacob Harland** (Touch).

YEAR 4 CLASS MASS

Year 4 will celebrate a class Mass next **Wednesday, 15 November** in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

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. Parents of those children making their Reconciliation for the first time can take their child to Reconciliation on Tuesday, 14 November at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, 18 November at 10:00 a.m. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass on Sunday, 26 November at 9:45 a.m. during which 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.

KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION

The Knowledge Explosion, for all children in Years 3 – 6, will be held next Friday, 17 November and on Friday, 24 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, Photography, Robotics, iPads and Origami. A special thank you to Mr Roy Duncan (woodwork) and Barbara Scott (photography), for giving up their time and sharing their expertise in these activities.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

During our visit to Sydney we went to Allianz Stadium and the Sydney Cricket Ground. At Allianz Stadium we got to run out of the tunnel and we even got to have a look around the dressing sheds. It was an enjoyable experience riding the exercise bikes and we got to feel the temperatures of the hot and cold pools. At the SCG we had a look at the statues and we even saw the real Mitchell Starc bowling his fast ball. Inside the SCG Museum we got to see a lot of old things and we even got to see a replica of The Ashes urn. Mason Fryers, Zac Ferguson, Rhys O'Neill, Isaiah Gleadhill

SAVE THE DATE

The 2018 St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball will be held on Saturday, 24 March 2018. Make sure you save the date for this major P & F fundraiser in your 2018 diary.

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, 24 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, 24 November is appreciated.

FREE HEALTHY EATING WORKSHOP AT ST JOEY'S

We will be hosting a free Healthy Eating Workshop at school on Tuesday, 28 November from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Did you know that eating the right amount of fruits and vegetables will help protect children against many diseases, including some forms of cancer? This free workshop run by the Cancer Council NSW will show you how to save time and money making healthy meals, learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters, pack a healthy lunch box your kids will love, plan menus and receive a free recipe book simply by attending. Don't miss out, registration is essential. To book your place please register by contacting the school on 68472828 or email, stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au.

RSA TRAINING

At the last P & F Meeting it was decided to ask the members of our school community if anyone would be interested in completing their RSA training. The P & F are willing to pay the fees to attend the course provided those completing it give a five year commitment to helping out on the bar at the annual debutante ball. If anyone is interested please let Mrs Hodge know by next Friday, 10 November.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

Once again the Sydney Opera House has not failed to impress us with the largest organ, amazing theatres and the unique tiles. Having lunch on the steps was a great experience and our tour was amazing. We had the best time. **Chloe Mudford, Emma Westwood, Emily Zell**

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Finn Chapman** for working hard to learn his sight words, **Jacob Fordham**, **Chloe Harris**, **Jagger Hazelton** and **Tilly Tancred** for beautiful behavior for Mrs Kilby and **Joe Staggs** for a great effort in MiniLit.

YEAR 1: **Jack Gibson** and **Riley Hutchison** for super problem solving in Maths, **Hayden Nichols** for writing an informative and well structured narrative and **Violet Whitehouse** for great work in Grammar identifying contractions

YEAR 2: **Mitchell Fuller** for super problem solving in Maths, **Will O'Connor** for a huge improvement in 'sounding out' during spelling activities, **Jordan Wighton** for making a big effort to complete homework, **Hope Jones-Copelin** and **Darron Mulligan** for writing great expositions on 'No Hat, No Play' and **Tom Staggs** for enthusiasm and fluency in reading.

YEAR 3: **Michael Ibe** for a great description of a pet monster, **Charlotte Ferguson** for a super recount of our zoo excursion, **Abigail Davis** for a fantastic effort in Maths, **Sienna Zell** for an improved effort to reach your Literacy Pro goal and **Carter Chapman** for a fantastic effort in Spelling.

YEAR 4: **Cameron Davis** for coming up with some convincing arguments during our exposition writing, **Paige Gilmour** for creating a fantastic elephant drawing based on our novel, **Mattea Purvis** for helping others 'problem solve' during our 'Google Docs' activities and **Dylan Tobin** for having a positive and friendly attitude in Year 4.

YEAR 5: **Rhys Bonnington** and **Molly Fairey** for fantastic recounts of Sydney highlights, **Molly Wilson** for being a happy and positive member of Year 5 and **Chloe Mudford**, **Camilla Beveridge** and **Kate Woollams** for always offering to help.

YEAR 6: **Ella Wykes** and **Olivia Schier** for accurately using hyphens in Grammar, **Jack Purvis** for great work with percentages and **Tayarna McKenzie** for consistently presenting her bookwork at a high standard.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5 - ***Fr Martin away on Retreat***

Thursday, 9 & Friday, 10

- November - Coonabarabran Horse Sports
- Friday, 10 November - Remembrance Day Communion Service – Year 5 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 6

- Tuesday, 14 November - Diocesan Summer Sports Trials
- Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, 15 November - Year 4 Class Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, 16 November - Priests/Principals Meeting
- Friday, 17 November - Knowledge Explosion (Years 3-6)
- Saturday, 18 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

WEEK 7 -

- Monday, 20 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
- Tuesday, 21 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
- P & F Meeting
- Wednesday, 22 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
- Thursday, 23 November - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 24 November - Knowledge Explosion – 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 'One Stop Rock Shop' Performance – 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 26 November - Christ the King Sunday Mass – Year 2 – 9:45am

WEEK 8 - ***Year 4 Reconciliation***

- Monday, 27 November - Voting for Student Council
- Tuesday, 28 November - Healthy Eating Workshop – 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Summer Sports Trials Back-Up date
- Wednesday, 29 November - School Audit
- Ear Bus
- Thursday, 30 November & Friday 1 December - Year 4 Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam Excursion
- Thursday, 30 November - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, 2 December - Christmas Carols in the Park
- Sunday, 3 December - 1st Sunday of Advent

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has enjoyed learning about 'a' word families this week in sounds. They have been reading "The Bear's Lunch" and have enjoyed illustrating all the different animals the bear tried to eat. In Writing they wrote an imaginative story about going on a picnic. During Mathematics the focus has been on ordering numbers to thirty, taking away and describing and naming 3D objects. During Religion we read the story of Noah and the Ark and completed a sequencing activity and a close passage.

Miss Smith

YEAR 1 had a fabulous time visiting the Police Station this week. We loved trying on some of the uniforms, having our fingerprints taken and riding back to school in the police wagon. A huge thank you to Senior Constable King and Constable Mel for taking the time to make our excursion a great experience. We all designed a truly magnificent broom and wrote a magic spell using some very interesting ingredients like crushed flamingo eggs, unicorn tears and fairy dust! In Science we discussed where water comes from and how we use it. We also discussed the water cycle and learnt four new words; evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection. We really enjoyed meeting the new Kinders for next year when they visited St Joey's on Tuesday. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Newstead

YEAR 2 has focused on being part of God's team and learning the importance of reconciliation with others in every day situations during Religion. Tomorrow we focus on the meaning of Remembrance Day and will be making poppies in Art. In Maths we looked at 2D shapes, measuring lines using centimetres and revising division. During Writing we revised recounts and exposition text types. There was some very creative free choice writing done during the week. Well done Year 2! The spelling focus has been 'g', 'j' and 'ge'. Please keep the Year 2 students in your prayers as they make their first Reconciliation next week. Have a terrific weekend.

Miss Harvey

YEAR 3 What a fantastic effort from the Year 3 students in the Talent Quest yesterday. It was pleasing to see such an array of talent from our year and in our school. We published our recounts of our zoo excursion and we will now be exploring explanations. In Art we started our cartoon faces and during Religion we discussed types of celebrations and what celebrations entail. In Grammar we revised tense verbs and adverbs and in Mathematics we learnt different types of strategies to multiply. Have a good weekend.

Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris

YEAR 4 What a big week we have had at Joey's this week! On Tuesday we got to meet our new Kinders for next year and on Wednesday we were dazzled by the fantastic entertainment of the talent quest. In class we have been doing revision of our Grammar topics while our writing has seen us focusing on finishing off expositions with strong and convincing arguments. During Religion we have spent time preparing for our Mass that we are celebrating next Wednesday – we hope you can come along and join us. We have also spent time this week learning about Remembrance Day and understanding how important it is to remember those who we have lost in war. Have a great weekend.

Mr Keady

YEAR 5 This week we have been working hard on our policy speeches. It is wonderful to hear everyone's ideas and goals for being great leaders next year. These speeches will be presented in front of the school during Week 7. In Maths we have looked at budgets, finding the area of a circle and ordering fractions and decimals. During English we have been publishing our excursion recounts and writing reflections on various highlights in our excursion booklets. We have also been busy preparing for our Remembrance Day Communion Service and we look forward to leading the school to commemorate all those who died in war.

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

YEAR 6 did such a magnificent job helping with the Talent Quest yesterday! The performances were well rehearsed and everyone certainly gave of their best! In Maths this week we have been learning about units of measurement, multiplication of fractions and nets of 3 dimensional shapes. We reviewed different techniques to enhance our narratives this week which included the use of simile, metaphor, hyperbole and onomatopoeia. In Grammar we have focused on the dash and why it is used in sentences. We created a visual representation of migration from European countries using images that represent their cultures as part of our History unit. Keep up the great work Year 6!

Mr Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 10 November – Nat Mudford & Briony Mills
- Monday, 13 November – Shalyn Chandler & Sally Temple
- Wednesday, 15 November – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas
- Friday, 17 November – JB Tancred & Ali Tancred

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 12 November – Molly Fairey, Charlie Banks, Luke O'Neill, Oscar Spora