Term 4 Week 6 12 November, 2015

**Thought for the Week**

2015 Cooee Re-enactment March

Congratulations to all involved on a fabulous achievement!

*Lest We Forget*
The four weeks of Advent begin on Sunday, 29 November. If you would like to join a group to meet once a week during this time, or if you would like a booklet for quiet reflection at home, please let Mrs Hodge or Sr Robyn know by tomorrow, Friday to enable the books to be ordered.

EXCERPT SNIPPET
We had an awesome time at the Aquatic Centre. The rapid river ride was mad. We played tips as it took us around in a circle in a very strong current. The water slides were lots of fun and it was great when we all went to the giant bucket as it dumped water on everyone. We would love to go back again one day. Chloe Godber, Alex Beveridge, Rebecca Gaff.

Grace Ahlein

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: KINDER: Hudson Duffy, Orlando Ryan and Eliza Mudford for using lots of descriptive words in Story Writing, Isabella Mudford for being a considerate member of Kindergarten and Jaida Tarrant for great expression during reading. YEAR 1: Kimbalee Gilmour for writing fabulous imaginative stories, Henry Purvis for super sounding out in Story Writing, Jessie Riley for terrific counting and number work, Emilia Peart for being a settled worker who gives 100% effort to all tasks, Taylor Hayes for super spelling in ‘buzz off buddy’, Alex Gaff for a great recount about the fate and Michael Ibe for his thoughtful responses during class discussions. YEAR 2: Casey Gaff for a vibrant rainbow dragon, Sienna Marchant for working well with others, Lucas Gleadhill for trying hard when reading and Paige Gilmour for great problem solving in Problem A Day. YEAR 3: Breanna Foster for reading fluently with accuracy, Eli Fullbrook contributing intelligently to class discussions, Layney Godber and Molly Fairey for creating lovely Remembrance Day artworks and Dennis Gale for improvement in Spelling. YEAR 4: Laura Farragher for doing a great job tidying the sports shed, Kelsey Hutchison for always completing work to a high standard, Bradley Gibson for great work completing number patterns and Mason Fryers for completing all tasks with care. YEARS 5 & 6: Congratulations to all the students on their sensational behaviour in Sydney.

WHAT’S ON
WEEK 6
Thursday, 12 November  -  Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m
Friday, 13 November   -  NRL Clinics
Saturday, 14 November -  Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

WEEK 7
Year 3 Reconciliation
Tuesday, 17 November  -  Kinder Orientation Day
                    -  P & F Meeting
                    -  GHS Year 7 Parent/Student Information Evening
Wednesday, 18 November -  Conservatorium of Music — Performance (Years 2-5) 12:50
Thursday, 19 November -  Road Safety Stage 3 Professional Development Day
                    -  Knowledge Explosion
Friday, 20 November    -  Road Safety Stage 3 Professional Development Day
                    -  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.
                    -  Year 4 Wellington Caves Excursion
November           -  Excursion
Sunday, 29 November  -  1st Sunday of Advent

WEEK 9
Father Martin away on Retreat
Monday, 30 November   -  Infants Swimming commences
                      -  Year 6 PD Night
Wednesday, 2 December -  St John’s College ‘Hit The Ground Running’ Program
                      -  Ear Bus
Thursday, 3 December-  Year 5 Mass – 10:30 am.
        -  2nd Sunday of Advent

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS
KINDER This week in Kindergarten we have been learning about the ‘er’ sound. Next week we will be focussing on the ‘oa’ sound. During reading we discussed the title of the book “Waddle Giggle Gargle” and what each word means. We then thought of other animals that waddle, giggle and gargle. There was much discussion on where magpies live and what magpies do when they feel their babies are being threatened. Some of the children shared their own personal experiences with magpies! In Religion we remembered the fallen soldiers and the men and women who have fought for our country. We spoke about how the soldiers would feel when they had to leave their homes and families. We also spoke about the words ‘Lest We Forget’ and what they mean to past soldiers and what they mean for us. In our Science unit we read how cars have changed over the years and what forms of transportation there were before cars were invented. In P&HPE we learnt how our bodies give signals or warnings to be safe. Children then brainstormed other signals they knew. Take care. Miss Bourke

YEAR 1 Thank you Year 4 for preparing a beautiful Mass yesterday for Remembrance Day. During the day we discussed the significance of the red poppies as they covered the battlefields during times of war and we were reminded of the bravery of all member and women who fought to die in all wars - Lest We Forget! Our Literature unit “Room on a Broom” has come to an end and we have had a lot of fun writing about our favourite parts of the story. In Maths Mr Langes challenged us with the tricky jump strategy on a number line and we also looked at fractions and division. Homophones (eg, ‘witch’, which’ and ‘two, to’) were the focus in Grammar and Sentence A Day. Have a lovely weekend everyone. Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 2 is very excited about the upcoming First Reconciliation. The Catholic children will receive the Sacrament either this afternoon or on Saturday morning. All the Year 2 children will then participate in our Christ the King Mass on Sunday, 22 November. We enjoyed dressing up in olden day clothes to celebrate the Cooee March Re-enactment and Remembrance Day. Thank you Year 4 for preparing a lovely Mass. During our patriotic program we made a home-made paper poppy to include in our portfolios and another to display in our room. Tomorrow we have another session of Backyard League. All students thoroughly enjoyed it last week and are looking forward to some more fun activities. Have a great weekend. Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

YEAR 3 Thank you Year 4 for such a lovely Remembrance Day Mass yesterday. It sounds like everyone really enjoyed dressing up. In the classroom Year 3 have learnt about Walt Disney during our comprehension activity. In Grammar we have continued to learn about adjectives and how important they are to use in our writing. In PDH we discussed ‘dos’ and ‘don'ts’ to keep us safe on buses. Our Maths activities this week have focused on millilitres, multiplication and number patterns. Year 3 is very excited for our second week of Knowledge Explosion tomorrow. Have a lovely weekend. Mr Saunders

YEAR 4 enjoyed our Remembrance Day Mass yesterday. A big thank you to all those who attended. In Spelling this week we’ve been working on the ‘a’ sound as in ‘wash’ while in Grammar we’ve explored connectives. During Writing we have been discussing the character ‘Nanberry’ from our class novel “Nanberry” and have begun planning a discussion titled “Should Surgeon White Adopt Nanberry?” For Maths we have revised five digit subtraction, associative property and position. A reminder to those who have not returned the Wellington Caves excursion note to do so ASAP. Have a lovely weekend. Miss Smith

YEAR 5 After a fantastic week away we have been back in the classroom for a busy Week 6. Thanks to all of the parents who came along on our excursion last week – we really appreciated your help. This week we have been practising our policy speeches in class as we get ready to present them to the school in Week 8. If you have not returned your preferences for policy speech days/times can you please do so as soon as possible so we can finalise the order of presentation. In Maths we have been looking at mobile phone plans as well as the cross sections of shapes. It has been great to hear from some of the Cooee marchers as they respond to our letters - they all have an interesting story to tell. Have a great weekend. Mr Kealy

YEAR 6 This week we have been remembering. On Wednesday Year 6 attended the Remembrance Day Service in town, honouring all the men and women who died during the World Wars and other conflicts. Congratulations Year 6 on organising the 1915 dress up day and raising money for Legacy. We have also been reminiscing about our wonderful excursion as we have written recounts about our favourite day. In Maths we have been looking at negative numbers and studying the difference between finding the ‘mean’ and ‘average’ of a set of numbers. Everyone should be busy writing a free choice speech which is due on Monday 30 November. Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

ANCESTOR ROSTER
Friday, 13 November – Rachel Kirsop & Amy Spora
Monday, 16 November – Danielle Diggis & Claudia Ryan
Wednesday, 18 November – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas
Friday, 20 November – Jessica Whitehouse & Sarah Hickey

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Sunday, 5 November – Kylie Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Jacob Wilson, Olivia Newstead