



ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 6

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Thought for the Week

As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.

DIOCESAN RELIGION TEST

There were again some excellent results achieved in the annual Bathurst Diocesan Religion Test which is sat by all Year 6 students in the diocese. Special mention to **Kelsey Hutchison, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kilday, Harrison King and Patrick Spora** who all received a *High Distinction*. This places these students in the top 5% of Year 6 students in the Bathurst Diocese. Other students who excelled included:

Distinction: Tylah Anforth, Anton Davis, Zac Ferguson, Finn Marchant

Credit: Ella Wykes, Rani Diggs, Marshall Fairey, Heidi Ferguson, Will Fuller, Will Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Olivia McClelland, Tayarna McKenzie, Samantha Miller, Rhys O'Neill, Jack Purvis, Joshua Purvis

GREAT DAY AT THE COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS

Eleven students from St Joseph's represented the school at the Coonabarabran Horse Sports Day held on Thursday, 9 and Friday, 10 November. There were over 100 riders participating in this event. The St Joey's representatives included **Billie Allan, Tia Allan, Jett Chandler, Tilla Chandler, Chloe Harris, Eliza Larkin, Ryder Larkin, Emma Mills, Abbie Skinner, Adison Thomas and Trinity Zell**. All our riders achieved some wonderful results with a special mention to **Chloe Harris** who was named 6 years Girl Champion. A great achievement! Our students were all competing in large age groups with up to 28 riders where the competition was of a very high standard. The children all rode very well and received placings in various events. They competed in events such as Cross Country and Dressage which they have never been exposed to and many placed and others enjoyed the experience. All the children represented the school very well and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the two days. Well done everyone on a great two days.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

Madame Tussauds was a really fun experience! We got to meet so many famous celebrities and pose with them. From the Queen to Lady Gaga, we saw them all. We had a great time there and we got to do our interview with Dr Albert Einstein! We went to a heap of different rooms with all types of famous people in them. One of our favourites was Leonardo Di Caprio.

Jinda Green, Jennifer Ibe, Samantha Miller, Laura Farragher, Jessica Scholte

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. 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.

DIOCESAN SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to those students who competed in the Summer Sports Trials held in Dubbo on Tuesday. All our students performed extremely well at this high level of competition. Well done to **Luke O'Neill** (Basketball), **Ryan Ferguson** (Touch) and **Oscar Spora** (Cricket) who all made the Possibles v Probables games in their respective sports. Special mention to **Luke** who went on to be selected in the Diocesan Basketball team to play at the Polding Trials to be held in Newcastle on Friday, 9 February. Well done Luke!

KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION

The Knowledge Explosion, for all children in Years 3 – 6, will be held tomorrow, Friday, 17 November and next 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.

NOVEMBER P & F MEETING

The November P & F Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 21 November. As this will be the final meeting for 2017, **the meeting will be held at the Sporties Club at 7:30 p.m.** Our P & F has made a wonderful contribution to our school in 2017 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 meetings.

This invitation is to any parents who would like to come along and celebrate another successful year.

YEAR 5 POLICY SPEECHES

We wish all our 2018 Student Leaders the best of luck as they present their policy speeches next week. All at St Joey's look forward to hearing what these wonderful people are going to do for our school next year. Following is a timetable of the speeches and all are invited to come along and listen:

Monday, 20 November

9:00 a.m. **Madison Riley, Daniel Kirsop, Bailey Wykes, Emma Westwood**

11:20 a.m. **Molly Fairey, Oscar Spora, Camilla Beveridge, Isaiah McKenzie**

1:50 p.m. **Aiden Walker, Kyzack Corcoran, Dennis Gale**

Tuesday, 21 November

9:00 a.m. **Emma Durrant, Emily Zell, Sarah Temple, Layney Godber**

11:20 a.m. **Tom Dunn, Dylon Murray, Darcey Neeves**

1:50 p.m. **Jerome Woodrow, Jacob Harland, Isaac Grimshaw**

Wednesday, 22 November

9:00 a.m. **Kate Woollams, Molly Wilson, Jack Oehm, Ry Heffer, Breanna Foster**

11:20 a.m. **Luke O'Neill, Jade Elsom, Chloe Mudford, Rhys Bonnington**

KINDER LITURGY

Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 23 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.

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, 27 November to Friday, 8 December at a cost of \$85.00 (this does not include pool entry). **Please return the enrolment form, together with the sum of \$85.00 (if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the school) by Monday, 20 November.** We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills. Enrolment forms were given to each Infants child on Monday. Attached to today's newsletter is a tear-off slip giving permission for your child to travel by bus each day.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

The marvelous Maritime Museum was spectacular. As soon as we boarded the HMAS Vampire we felt as though we were naval officers. The number of dials, controls and pipes in the HMAS Onslow fascinated us. It was a memorable experience that we will never forget. **Dennis Gale, Dylon Murray, Jack Oehm, Daniel Kirsop, Rhys Bonnington**

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Our school has again been invited to perform at the Gilgandra Christmas Carols in Hunter Park to be held on Saturday, 2 December. The evening will commence with a free sausage sizzle from 5:30 p.m. with the carols commencing at approximately 7:00 p.m. If you would like your child/children to join our choir please fill in the tear-off slip with today's About and return it to school by Tuesday, 21 November.

VERIFICATION REPORTS

The eldest child in each family was today given a Family Details Verification Report. It would be appreciated if you could peruse these details, make any changes necessary, sign and date the report and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

LIBRARY

As we are nearing the end of the school year I am asking the children to start returning the library books they have finished reading. Unfortunately there are a large number of children who need to return their library books with many of them having more than two books out. I will be sending notes home as a reminder in the coming weeks. I would greatly appreciate your assistance in the return of these books. As you can appreciate the P & F are extremely generous in funding the books in our library, therefore these books need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you. *Mrs Kilby*

POSITIONS VACANT

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKER (AEW) – 15 hours per fortnight commencing 29 January, 2018 to 21 December, 2018. Applications are invited for the above position from persons who demonstrate a sincere commitment to the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education. A Position Overview (Position Description and Selection Criteria) and Application Form (Non-Teaching Position) can be obtained from the CEDB website www.bfh.catholic.edu.au or contact the school. A valid Working With Children Check Number is required for this position and must be provided at the time of application. To apply for a Working With Children Check Number go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au. Applications are to include a covering letter addressing the selection criteria and completed CEDB application form with supporting documentation. Completed applications to be submitted to the Principal, St Joseph's School, PO Box 37, Gilgandra. Applications close: Monday, 27 November, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

CLERICAL ASSISTANT – 24 hours per fortnight commencing 29 January, 2018 to 21 December, 2018. Applications are invited for the above position from persons who demonstrate a sincere commitment to the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education. Further details, including selection criteria, for this position can be obtained by contacting the principal on 68472828. A valid Working With Children Check Number is required and must be provided at the time of application. To obtain a Working With Children Check Number go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au. Completed applications are to be submitted to the Principal, St Joseph's School, PO Box 37, Gilgandra. Applications close Monday, 4 December at 3:00 p.m.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** David McIsaac and Caine Bugmy for beautiful colouring, Cooper Lummis for excellent sounding out when reading, Jock Mills for telling interesting news, Elsie Adams for great work sorting 3D objects and Ivy Murphy and Jacob Fordham for super work counting and ordering numbers to 30. **YEAR 1:** Tilla Chandler and Makynli Hazelton for designing a truly magnificent broom, Sailor Ryan for writing a well presented recount of our Police Station visit, Poppy-Grace Newton for enthusiastic participation in all class activities and Layla Wykes for great work in Science.

YEAR 2: Amity Chapman for excellent contributions to class discussions in Geography, Riley Fiddes for writing a great exposition about joining the circus, Abbie Skinner for trying hard in Spelling groups and Lucas Fong and Eliza Larkin for good work in Religion. **YEAR 3:** Tahleigh Davey and Rani Diamond for a super recount of their excursion to the zoo, Indi Murphy for improved expression and fluency when reading, Eva Bonnington for a fabulous recount of our zoo excursion and Charlie Zell for great work in Grammar. **YEAR 4:** Jett Chandler for working hard to improve his arguments when writing expositions, Casey Gaff for having a cheerful approach towards all aspects of Year 4, Lucas Gleadhill for an improved effort in completing homework each week and Nick Tancred for always participating in spelling activities with enthusiasm.

YEAR 5: Darcy Neeves for his reverence during our Remembrance Day Mass, Ry Heffer for beautifully presented bookwork and Layney Godber and Dylon Murray for consistent high achievement in Spelling. **YEAR 6:** Laura Farragher for finding the mean of numbers with accuracy, Joshua Purvis for great work with negative numbers, Laura Younghusband for excellent work with the dash in Grammar and Isaiah Gleadhill for an improved effort towards all class activities.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6

Friday, 17 November - Knowledge Explosion (Years 3-6)

WEEK 7 -

Monday, 20 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
 Tuesday, 21 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
 - P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
 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.
 - Parent Surveys due
 Sunday, 26 November - Christ the King Sunday Mass – Year 2 – 9:45am

WEEK 8 - **Year 4 Reconciliation**

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

WEEK 9 - **Year 6 Reconciliation**

Monday, 4 December - Year 6 PD evening
 Wednesday, 6 December - Kinder Cooee Visit – 11:00 a.m.
 Thursday, 7 December - Leaving Families BBQ
 - Social
 Friday, 8 December - Infants Swimming concludes
 - Reports and Portfolios home
 Sunday, 10 December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

EXCURSION SNIPPET

The Sydney Aquatic Centre was superb and we loved it. The dumping buckets were amazing but the waterslide was even better. In the rapid pool we raced Mr Musgrave which was awesome. In part of the waterslide it was pitch black which made our stomachs flip. We had lots of fun and the worst part was having to leave.
Bradley Kildey William Fuller, Marshall Fairey, Patrick Spora

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER students have thoroughly enjoyed reading Pamela Allen's "Who Sank the Boat?" this week. They sequenced events from the story and matched sentences from the story to the correct illustrations. Our sound work has focused on the 'at', 'en' and 'et' word families. During Mathematics the students have been completing a variety of assessments. We have also spent time at the church this week preparing for our Liturgy which will be next Thursday. Have a nice weekend.
Miss Smith

YEAR 1 This week in Religion Year 1 wrote about their favourite parts of the Creation story and gave reasons for their choice. It was truly pleasing to read some very thoughtful responses. In our Literature unit we continued to read "Zog" and we recalled all the fun things the dragons learnt at Madam Dragon's school. In Maths we have completed some assessments in number patterns, addition and subtraction. We will continue to work on a different strand each day. During Geography we enjoyed listening to a great song about the seven continents and completed some fun activities in our books. Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Newstead

YEAR 2 Congratulations to the Year 2 students who made their First Reconciliation at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday afternoon. Hopefully this was a memorable day in your faith journey. Well done everyone and thank you to all the parents who came along to support their children. We are all looking forward to our Year 2 Mass on Sunday, 26 November. In the classroom we've been busy with tests and assessments in English and Maths as the busy end of the year approaches. Results have been very pleasing. Well done Year 2! During Maths we revisited reading the calendar, telling the time and looking at 2D and 3D properties whilst in Spelling the 'er' and 'ur' sounds have been our focus. Only one more week of homework everyone! Have a great weekend.
Miss Harvey

YEAR 3 This week Year 3 has been completing many assessment tasks and are working hard to give of their best. In text types we are looking at Explanations and have written a class explanation on how a rainbow is formed and were sad to discover there really is no pot of gold at the end! In Art we put the finishing touches on our cartoon faces and paperbag scarecrows and will endeavor to make a toilet roll tin man. We are all very excited to take part in the Knowledge Explosion tomorrow with all of us heading off to do various activities with other primary students. What fun! Have a great weekend.
Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris

YEAR 4 The countdown is on. In just two weeks we will be heading off on our excursion and we are all excited. This week in class we have been completing testing in Maths. During our Grammar lessons we have been revising adverbs and in particular looking at how to improve sentences by adding adverbs to them. Our class Mass on 'Love is Great' was celebrated yesterday and everyone did a fantastic job- thank you to everyone who came along to help celebrate with us. We still have a couple of portfolios that need to come back to school so please have a look at home and send these in. Have a great weekend.
Mr Keady

YEAR 5 has been busy working on assessments and standardised testing this week. In Maths we have been using compasses to draw accurate circles and looking at area using square kilometres and hectares. We have also been working hard on our policy speeches, which are being presented next week. We have been focusing on using expression and speaking clearly and everyone is encouraged to practise at home using our families as an audience. The whole school is looking forward to hearing what our 2018 leaders have to offer us!
Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

YEAR 6 This week in Maths we have learnt about multiplying and dividing decimals, number patterns and constructing circles. Our Grammar focus has been on identifying the subject and predicate in sentences. In History we researched and discussed significant people who made contributions to shape a colony. Year 6 created an information report in pairs using the information that they had found then they presented their work samples to the class. We have continued to write narratives this week. Year 6 were encouraged to use techniques to keep the reader engaged and wanting to read more. They are sounding excellent so far! Have a great weekend.
Mr Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 17 November – JB Tancred & Ali Tancred
 Monday, 20 November – Rachel Lacey & Donna Wheatley
 Wednesday, 22 November – Sophia Ibe & Karen Harris
 Friday, 24 November – Nat Mudford & Briony Mills

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 19 November – Luke O'Neill, Rhys O'Neill, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier

