

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.



YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the Year 2 students who have received 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 we are sorry to God. It helps deepen our relationship with God and helps us grow to become better people. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 has prepared the Mass for this Sunday, 20 November at which the Certificates will be presented to the Year 2 class. Our whole school family is invited to join with Year 2 on this special occasion. Please keep our Reconciliation class in your thoughts and prayers: Tia Allan, Eva Bonnington, Carter Chapman, Tableigh Davey, Abigail Davis, Beatie Davis, Rani Diamond, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Alex Gaff, Declan Gale, Dakotah Gilmour, Kimbalee Gilmour, Taylor Hayes, Lochie Henry, Rhyan Hutchison, Michael Ibe, Grace Jones-Copelin, Nick Kirsop, Ethan Morris, Alison Mudford, Ella Mudford, Indi Murphy, Jordan Neeves, Molly Nichols, Lilla Oehm, Emilia Peart, Henry Purvis, Jessie Riley, Rachel Ryan, Ryder Ryan, Millie Spora, Grace Tancred, Rydah Whitehouse, Brooke Woollams, Will Younghusband, Charlie Zell, Sienna Zell, Trinity Zell.

TALENT QUEST - Tomorrow, 18 November - 2:00 p.m.

All is ready for our Talent Quest to be staged at school tomorrow commencing at 2:00 p.m. There are a variety of acts including singing, dancing and much, much more. So for an entertaining afternoon featuring live performances, Joey's is the place to be tomorrow!

KINDER ORIENTATION DAY

We had a great day on Tuesday as we welcomed our 2017 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 Bourke, Mrs Spora and Mrs Alchin for ensuring an enjoyable morning for the children.

NOVEMBER P & F MEETING

Our final P & F Meeting for 2016 was held on Tuesday evening at the Tatts Hotel. Once again I would like to thank and congratulate all members of the P & F Association for the wonderful contribution made to our school in 2016. A special thank you to President, Peter Gaff, Secretary, Wes Morris, Treasurer, Carol Alchin and all those who attended meetings during the year. Also a huge vote of thanks to those who have coordinated fundraising activities, those who have assisted at these activities and helped out in the canteen. The P & F has contributed nearly \$20,000.00 to our school this year. An amazing effort!

COINS, COINS, COINS

All students from Kinder to Year 6 were amazed at Mr Max Zell's vast coin collection last Friday. Each class listened to some very interesting facts about the collection before inspecting the individual coins. We thank Mr Zell for sharing his knowledge and coins, it was quite fascinating. We may even have some budding numismatists after inspecting the coins!

YEAR 5 POLICY SPEECHES

We wish all our 2017 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, 21 November

- 9:00 a.m. Harrison King, Bradley Gibson, Patrick Spora, Zac Ferguson, Will Gaff
11:20 a.m. Tylah Anforth, Anton Davis, Will Fuller, Rhys O'Neill, Jessica Scholte
2:00 p.m. Laura Farragher, Olivia McClelland, Kelsey Hutchison, Ella Wykes, Rani Diggs

Wednesday, 23 November

- 9:00 a.m. Bradley Kildey, Laura Younghusband, Olivia Schier, Samantha Miller, Marshall Fairey
11:20 a.m. Tayarna McKenzie, Mason Fryers, Joshua Purvis, Isaiah Gleadhill, Jinda Green
2:00 p.m. Finn Marchant, Jack Purvis, Jennifer Ibe

'WAKE UP AND READ' PERFORMANCE

'Wake Up And Read' is a funny, well paced comedy incorporating music, drama, mime, puppetry, magic and circus skills all linked with short charming tales about growing up in Australia. Each tale is another piece in the puzzle of how Frank, the son of an illiterate Italian migrant, became an avid reader and came to do what he does today. 'Wake Up And Read' is an engaging performance that encourages reading, both for pleasure and research, with positive background messages of multiculturalism, social harmony and anti-bullying. This performance will be held at school next Tuesday, 22 November.

SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

We wish the best of luck to those students representing St Joey's at the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials in Dubbo next Tuesday, 22 November. These include: Rhys O'Neill, Luke O'Neill (Basketball), Zac Ferguson, Patrick Spora, Mason Fryers (Cricket), Harrison King, Will Fuller (Tennis) and Rani Diggs, Kelsey Hutchison, Bradley Kildey, Will Gaff and Marshall Fairey (Touch).

YEAR 4 CAVES AND DAM EXCURSION

The excitement is building in Year 4 as their major excursion to the Wellington Caves and Burrendong Dam is approaching. The excursion is next Thursday and Friday, 24 and 25 November and the children will visit the Western Plains Cultural Centre, Wellington Caves and Phosphate Mine, Japanese Gardens, be accommodated at the Wellington Caves and then visit the Giant Chimes, Fern Gully, Dam Wall and Spillway and Dubbo Waterslide. Wow!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Our school has again been invited to perform at the Gilgandra Christmas Carols in Hunter Park to be held on Sunday, 4 December. The evening will commence with a free sausage sizzle from 5:30 p.m. with the carols commencing approximately 6:30 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, 22 November.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is back! The Reading Challenge is open to all students enrolled in our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bathurst. Students need to independently read 10 or more age-appropriate books during the summer school holidays to go in the draw to win one of four iPad minis. The challenge begins on Monday, 28 November and finishes on Monday, 6 February, 2017. An information pack is available from Mrs Kilby in the library.

SCHOOL SHOES

Just a reminder that the school policy on school shoes is that the shoes should be **all black**, no white or any other colour. The school strongly advises that when purchasing you buy shoes with good support as the children are in them all day, four days a week.

SCHOOL SURVEY

With last week's About was a brief survey which we are asking parents to complete and return to the school office by Friday, 25 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, 25 November is appreciated.

MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

On Tuesday, 29 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.

GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL 2017 YEAR 7 BOOK PACKS

The Gilgandra High School 2017 Year 7 Book Packs are now available from the high school canteen or Christie & Hood's office in Miller Street.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Sophie Gilmour for great Liturgy preparation, Alyssa Ferguson and Evie Peart for their positive attitude and helpful manner, Dimity Wykes for her enthusiasm during Sport, Layla Wykes for being a great problem solver in Mathematics and Mason Evans for always wearing his uniform with pride.

YEAR 1: Orlando Ryan for trying hard in Spelling groups, Riley Fiddes for a great description of a scarecrow, Amity Chapman for asking interesting questions during Geography and Hope Jones-Copelin for beautiful singing during Mass.

YEAR 2: Beatie Davis for working hard on 'The Circus' Literature unit, Alison Mudford and Indi Murphy for writing great expositions, Lochie Henry for great knowledge of Grammar concepts and Tableigh Davey for a wonderful exposition about having an elephant as a pet.

YEAR 3: Nick Gale for working hard in Maths Operations, Sienna Marchant for an improved effort in class activities, Ava Meyers for a super effort in singing our times tables and Jett Tarrant for his attention to detail in landscape drawing.

YEAR 4: Jack Oehm for a great job answering 5-digit subtraction questions, Madison Riley for great enthusiasm when sharing news, Kyzack Corcoran for consistently lovely handwriting and Rhys Bonnington for outstanding results in the Term 4 Grammar assessment.

YEAR 5: Will Gaff and Jennifer Ibe for fantastic reading at our Remembrance Day service and Oli Schier for trying hard to answer challenging Problem A Day questions.

YEAR 6: Madison Hourigan for designing an excellent 'Scratch Art', Aliza Purvis for great work with Roman numerals, Emily Skinner for a top effort in Spelling and Thomas Durrant for accurately identifying the subject and predicate of a sentence.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6

Friday, 18 November - Talent Quest – 2:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 20 November - Christ the King Mass – Year 2 – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 7 - Year 4 Reconciliation

Monday, 21 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
 Tuesday, 22 November - 'Wake Up and Read' Performance – 2:10 p.m.
 - Summer Sports Trials
 Wednesday, 23 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
 Thursday, 24 and
 Friday, 25 November - Year 4 Wellington
 Caves/Burrendong Dam Excursion
 Sunday, 27 November - 1st Sunday of Advent

WEEK 8

Monday, 28 November - Infants Swimming commences
 Tuesday, 29 November - Summer Sports Trials Back-Up date
 - Macquarie Conservatorium
 Demonstration – 12:50 p.m.
 - GHS Year 7 Parent Information
 Evening – 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, 30 November - St John's College 'Hit the Ground
 Running' Program
 - Junior Joey's visit to Cooee Lodge
 Thursday, 1 December - Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
 - Year 6 PD Evening – 6:00 p.m.
 Friday, 2 December - Knowledge Explosion
 Sunday, 4 December - 2nd Sunday of Advent
 - Christmas Carols in the Park

WEEK 9 - Year 6 Reconciliation

Wednesday, 7 December - Kinder Cooee Visit – 11:00 a.m.
 Thursday, 8 December - AECG Meeting
 - Leaving Families BBQ
 - Social
 Friday, 9 December - Windmill Cottage Christmas
 Carols – 10:30 a.m.
 - Knowledge Explosion
 - Infants Swimming concludes
 - Reports and Portfolios Home
 Sunday, 11 December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week we welcomed some very special visitors to our school. The Kindergarten class of 2017 enjoyed stories and songs and had the opportunity to experience what school would be like for the first time. We look

forward to seeing them all next year. This week Kindergarten has been reading "Mr McGee and the Biting Flea" and has been learning the meaning of words from the text. Students were able to describe what the character, 'Mr McGee', was doing by looking at the pictures for clues and sounding out words. Students also made predictions about the story by looking at the cover. There were some great ideas shared by all. As part of our sound work, we have been focusing on the middle and ending sounds of words. During Science we sorted and organised pictures that showed pushing or pulling. In Mathematics we explored the main concepts of a cube and a sphere and did some revision on numbers adding to ten. Thank you to all the Kindergarten children who participated so reverently in our beautiful Liturgy this morning. I'm very proud of you all. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 Another busy week has flown by in Year 1! We have been reading "Zog" by Julia Donaldson and completing some fun activities about dragons. We also looked at the character, 'Princess Pearl' and discussed her role as the problem solver in the story. Our recounts this week were assessed. We all tried really hard to make sure we had punctuation, our events in order using elaborations and a personal comment. In Maths we recalled number facts and used the iPads to practise our speed and accuracy. We are all looking forward to the talent quest tomorrow and can't wait to cheer on our class mates who have volunteered to entertain us. Have a great weekend and we hope to see as many Year 1 children and parents as possible at Mass on Sunday to celebrate Year 2 receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 Year 2 is very excited about this Sunday's special Mass at our church. We hope to see lots of family and friends at Mass as we celebrate receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep Year 2 in your prayers. It's been a busy week in the classroom as we've been revising mathematical concepts and completing assessments. Have a nice weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 has had another fabulous week! Our procedures are all finished and we are revising narratives! Everyone is enjoying writing a free choice narrative and remembering to include all the necessary features. During Maths we have looked at nets of 3D shapes, number patterns and fractions. Our landscape drawings are looking excellent, as we have blended colours creating depth and shade. During Geography we revised the concepts we have covered and worked on the Venn diagram comparing Australia and New Zealand. We congratulate Year 2 on their participation in the Reconciliation programme and we wish all our talented performers all the best at tomorrow's talent quest! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 In Year 4 this week we've been learning about prefixes in Spelling while we've focused on conjunctions in Grammar. For Writing we wrote a discussion titled 'Invisibility is the Best Superpower' and we've worked on our comprehension of procedures in Reading Groups. During Maths we've learnt about adding and subtracting decimals and we've practised contracted multiplication. In Religion we began our new unit, 'Advent to Christmas - A Time for Journey in Hope' by defining Advent. We're very excited about our excursion next week. Have a top weekend! *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 With less than a week to go we are putting the finishing touches to our fantastic policy speeches. Everyone has spent time this week practising their presentation in the hall using the microphone and we are loving them. In Maths we have been spending time looking at challenging word problems as well as looking closely at the cross sections of prisms and pyramids. In Geography we have begun to design our travel brochure to convince people to move to Antarctica. During Art we have begun to create our minion drawings which are looking fabulous. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 This week we have published our book reviews for our portfolio tasks. In Maths we learnt about the Cartesian plane, mass units and decimal number patterns. Our Grammar focus has been on conjunctions. Year 6 needed to correctly identify them in sentences and record if they were coordinating or subordinating conjunctions. In Art we have carefully designed our 'Bobble Head' artwork. We had to be creative when we designed the rest of our body! In Geography we discussed what activities should and shouldn't be permitted in Antarctica. Year 6 is looking forward to the talent quest tomorrow, it will be an afternoon filled with Joey's talent! Enjoy your weekend. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 18 November – Alicia Heffer & Cassie Younghusband
 Monday, 21 November – Amii Marchant & Danielle Diggs
 Wednesday, 23 November – Sophia Ibe & Jessica Whitehouse
 Friday, 25 November – Phillipa Saunders & Kristy Gale

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 20 November – Laura Smith, Jessica Scholte, Martin Fryers, Mason Fryers

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