



ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 6

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Thought for the Week

The members of a family are like branches on a tree.

We all grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.

YEAR 3 EXCURSION TO TARONGA WESTERN PLAINS ZOO DUBBO

Year 3 had a fantastic day at Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo last Thursday. The children began the day with a trip around the zoo seeing all the animals the class had researched prior to the excursion. A highlight was the otters' exhibit. To conclude the excursion the students had a lesson in the education centre where they got to pat a brushtail possum. The children also had a close-up experience with a stick insect and a frog. A great time was had by all.

YEAR 1 POLICE STATION VISIT

Our Year 1 students had a fabulous visit to the Police Station on Tuesday. We thank Senior Constable King, Senior Constable Isaacson and Senior Constable Volkofsky 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'.

YEARS 5/6 SYDNEY EXCURSION

The Years 5 and 6 students, their teachers and parents are having a sensational time in Sydney this week. Our travellers left at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday and visited Scenic World in Katoomba including the Skyway, Railway and Cableway and then enjoyed a tour of the ANZ Stadium. On Wednesday they walked across the Harbour Bridge and went on the Rocks Walking tour, took a cruise on the harbour, visited the Opera House, Parliament House and the Sydney Aquarium before enjoying dinner at Darling Harbour and visiting the Sydney Tower Eye. Today they have visited Madame Tussauds, the National Maritime Museum, and Mary MacKillop Place before enjoying a swim at the Sydney International Aquatic Centre. Tomorrow's itinerary includes participating in the surf safe program at Long Reef and a trip to Luna Park before departing Sydney at 3:30 p.m. and stopping at McDonalds in Lithgow for tea. Our weary travellers are expected to arrive back at school tomorrow night at approximately 10:30 p.m. Wow! What a trip. We look forward to having everyone back at school next week and hearing all about their adventures. We will keep parents updated regarding their arrival time back at St Joey's via the school app.

YEAR 4 LEADERS

The Year 4 students have been doing a fantastic job as our school leaders whilst the Years 5 and 6 students have been in Sydney. Well done Year 4!

YEAR 5 POLICY SPEECHES

We congratulate all our 2020 Student Leaders following the presentation of their policy speeches last week. The standard was excellent and we are sure these students will continue the Joey's tradition and be fine leaders in 2020.

DIOCESAN SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to those students who competed in the Summer Sports Trials held in Dubbo last Thursday. All the Joey's students performed extremely well at this high level of competition. Well done to **Ethan Morris, Darcy Morris, Sam Dunn** (basketball), **Jordan Neeves, Ella Mudford, Will Younghusband** (Cricket) and **Will O'Connor** and **Grace Tancred** (Touch) who all made the Possibles –v- Probables in their respective sports. Special mention to **Ethan Morris** and **Darcy Morris, Jordan Neeves** and **Ella Mudford** who were selected in the diocesan teams to compete at the Polding Trials next year.

NOVEMBER P & F MEETING

The November P & F Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 26 November. As this will be the final meeting for 2019, **the meeting will be held at the Services Club at 7:00 p.m.** Our P & F has made a wonderful contribution to our school in 2019 and I would like to thank and congratulate the hardworking executive and members of the P & F Association who have coordinated fundraising activities, assisted at these activities, helped out in the canteen and attended the meetings.

KINDER COOEE LODGE VISIT

Kinder will be spreading some Christmas cheer next Wednesday, 27 November as they visit Cooee Lodge. We are sure they will bring a smile to many faces during this special season.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 28 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 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, 28 and 29 November and the children will visit Dundullimal Homestead, Wellington Caves and Phosphate Mine, Japanese Gardens, Bottle House, Caves Shop, be accommodated at the Wellington Caves and then visit the Giant Chimes, Fern Gully, Dam Wall and Spillway and Dubbo Waterslide.

BOOK CLUB

Just a reminder that the closing date for Book Club orders is tomorrow, **Friday, 22 November**. Book Club Catalogues were sent home last week. If ordering online and you select a book as a 'gift', please note that this item will be retained in the library and will require collection by a parent. If you would like to order a book as a gift with a paper order form, please write the word 'gift' next to the respective book and this book will also be held in the library for collection. This is the final Book Club for 2019.

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, 2 December to Friday, 13 December **at a cost of \$80.00** (this does not include pool entry). Swimming lesson enrolment forms were due back at school last Friday. A further reminder note was sent home on Tuesday with the children who have not returned their enrolment form to school. If you would like your child to participate, please ensure that you complete and return the enrolment form to the school office by **tomorrow, Friday, 22 November**, together with the enrolment fee. A permission note has been sent home today with the infants students for your child to travel to the pool by bus each day. Please complete and return the note to the school office by **Wednesday, 27 November**.

SCHOOL SURVEY

Just a reminder that the parent survey that was sent home with the About last week is due tomorrow, Friday, 22 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 tomorrow, Friday, 22 November is appreciated.

DIocese OF BATHURST SPORTS

COUNCIL RAFFLE

We were thrilled to receive the news last week that our P&F Association has won 3rd prize (\$100 Sportspower Voucher) in the Diocese of Bathurst Sports Council Raffle. We are most fortunate here at St Joseph's that our students who are selected to represent the Bathurst Diocese at Polding Trials are generously subsidised by our P&F Association and in return the raffle tickets that the students receive are written out in the name of the P&F Association. We have used the Sportspower Voucher to

purchase some sports equipment for the school. Thank you so much to our wonderful P&F!

GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

An information evening for parents and Year 6 children progressing to Year 7 in 2020 will be held in the main quad at Gilgandra High School next Monday, 25 November from 6:00 p.m. A light meal and refreshments will be provided, followed by an introduction of key staff, an outline of Year 7 2020, as well as other important information.

MERIT AWARDS

KINDER: Neve Walker for always “Giving Of Your Best”, Adelaide Mudford for super work modelling numbers to 30, Clancy Larkin for great sounding out in Reading and Hannah Meers for soldiering on so bravely with a broken arm!

YEAR 1: Ben O’Brien for a great effort and improvement in Comprehension, Thomas McIsaac for always willingly helping others, Ivy Zell for fantastic results in Maths essential assessments and Kellie Hutchison for always making positive, constructive contributions in class.

YEAR 2: Elsie Adams for thoughtful contributions to class discussions in Religion, Chloe Harris for excellent results in her Maths assessments, Amity Henry for a big improvement in Maths work, Jacob Fordham for being a kind and considerate class member, Jagger Hazelton for fabulous improvement in Maths and Jimmy Lesslie for being a caring and friendly class mate.

YEAR 3: Angus Johnson for great improvement in measurement and geometry in Maths, Alex Cosier for fabulous fluency when reading, Brooke Beaton for fabulous work when finding missing numbers on tricky number lines and Ava Lacey for sensational work in Spelling.

YEAR 4: Hope Jones-Copelin for making wonderful improvements in Maths, Darcy Morris for always working productively during group tasks, Eliza Mudford for consistently displaying a strong work ethic and Stuart Wheatley for working hard on writing a strong persuasive text.

YEAR 5: Beatie Davis for a very detailed drawing of a Remembrance Day image, Rani Diamond for being a valued and well respected member of Year 5, Charlotte Ferguson for having a positive and enthusiastic approach towards all activities in Year 5, Michael Ibe for a huge improvement in volume when reading in front of a crowd, Will Younghusband for trying hard to improve accuracy when reading aloud and Sienna Zell for sensational work in her Sydney excursion booklet.

YEAR 6: Billie Allan and Alana Elsom for being such helpful members of our class, “never seeing a need without doing something about it” (Mary MacKillop), Ben Standing for his engagement during our History spot quizzes and William Spora for stepping out of his comfort zone in Maths and challenging his critical thinking skills.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6

Tuesday, 19 November to Friday, 22 November - Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion

WEEK 7

Monday, 25 November - GHS Parent Information Evening
 Tuesday, 26 November - P & F Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Gilgandra Services Club
 Wednesday, 27 November - Kinder Cooee Visit – 11:00 a.m.
 Thursday, 28 November - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
 - Junior Joey’s to Cooee Lodge

WEEK 7

Thursday, 28 November/
 Friday 29 November - Year 4 Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam Excursion
 Friday, 29 November - Kinder Transition
 Sunday, 1 December - 1st Sunday of Advent

WEEK 8

Monday, 2 December - Infants Swimming commences
 - Year 6 PD Evening – 6:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, 3 December - GHS Year 6 Interviews
 Wednesday, 4 December - Ear Bus – 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
 Thursday, 5 December - Junior Joey’s to Cooee Lodge
 Saturday, 7 December - Christmas Carols in the Park
 Sunday, 8 December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

WEEK 9

Tuesday, 10 December - Sydney Excursion Expo – Years 5 & 6 – 2:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, 11 December - GHS Peer Support – 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Pool
 Thursday, 12 December - Leaving Families BBQ
 - Social
 Friday, 13 December - Year 6 Picnic
 - Infants swimming finishes
 - Reports and Portfolios home
 Sunday, 15 December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kinder has been busy preparing for our visit to Cooee Lodge next Wednesday. We have made some beautiful cards and are learning some Christmas songs to entertain the residents. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to join us. We have read ‘My Cat Maisie’ by Pamela Allen and painted some cute cats to go into our portfolio. In Maths we completed all of our assessments and are now revising addition and practising counting to 30. We enjoyed visiting the park today as part of our Geography unit, ‘People Live in Places’. We looked at the features of the park and discussed how and why it is important that we look after the park. We have finished our activities about Noah’s Ark and enjoyed learning about God’s promise to us. We are looking forward to our buddies returning next week and can’t wait to hear all about their fabulous excursion. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 What a fabulous excursion we had to the Police Station on Tuesday. The children enjoyed dressing up in the police uniform, getting fingerprinted and being locked in the holding cell! A highlight was definitely the trip back to school in the police car. A huge thank you to Senior Constable King, Senior Constable Isaacson and Senior Constable Volkovsfy for showing us around. Our sounds this week are ‘igh’, ‘ie’, ‘i’ and ‘y’. We have published our “If I Were a Princess/Prince For a Day” to include in our portfolio and we enjoyed completing investigation tasks in Maths. We have also been preparing for our class Liturgy which is next Thursday, 28 November. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea and we look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt

YEAR 2 How quickly is the term going? We have been busy in Year 2 completing the final assessments in English and Maths. We have revised concepts in Maths including calendars, subtraction using the trading method and 3D properties. Writing has focused on expositions and we wrote an exposition about joining the circus. We came up with lots of good reasons and bad reasons about the given topic. Free Writing challenged us to write an exposition on which animal makes the better pet – cats or dogs? In Art we finished off the crazy clowns as part of our Literature unit on the circus. Next week we begin Christmas craft. During Geography we explored Australia’s amazing natural landmarks and discussed the importance of caring for our diverse and fragile environment. Year 4 has done a great job whilst our school leaders have been away on their awesome excursion! Have a well deserved weekend everyone (especially Years 5 & 6!).

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Wow! Week 6 already? Isn’t the term just flying? Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their final Knowledge Explosion experience last Friday and are excited about what may be on offer next year. In class, we have been busy completing our end of year assessments. In Text Types we finished off our zoo recounts and will include them in our portfolios. They sound just as good as our day at the zoo! In Science we have been looking at the Earth and the Moon as well as discovering some interesting facts about some of the other planets in our solar system. The children are enjoying completing investigation tasks in Maths which allow them to think mathematically and problem solve in small groups. We hope Years 5 and 6 are thoroughly enjoying their excursion and we can’t wait to hear all about their adventures next week. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 It’s been a busy week in Year 4 as the students have stepped up to be the school leaders whilst Years 5 and 6 are away on their excursion. The students have been very responsible and happily complete their jobs each day. Well done Year 4! We are also getting very excited about our excursion which is now only a week away! We are all looking forward to a lot of fun and educational activities including going to Dundullimal Homestead, Wellington Caves, Burrendong Dam and more! This week we have been completing Comprehension activities on our class novel, “The Magician’s Elephant”. We are learning about poetry in Writing and have enjoyed writing a range of poems such as limericks. In Maths we have been revising our knowledge of maps, capacity and subtraction of larger numbers. Have a fantastic weekend and remember only 7 more sleeps until our excursion next week!

Miss Prue Giffin

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 22 November - Sheree Staggs & Simone Fordham
 Monday, 25 November - Janine Ferguson & Toni Fuller
 Wednesday, 27 November - Rees & Sussane Gilmour
 Friday, 29 November - JB & Alison Tancred

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 24 November – Nick Gale, Declan Gale

