



ABOUT

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Thought for the Week

Forgiveness forces you to grow beyond what you were.

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, 22 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: **Billie Allan, Chelsea Brand, Jett Chandler, Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Casey Gaff, Nick Gale, Paige Gilmour, Lucas Gleadhill, Tarinya Hannedege, Ben Harland, Lucy Kilpatrick, Sienna Marchant, Ava Meyers, Lucy McIsaac, Harry Mudford, Samantha Naden, Mattea Purvis, Ryley Smith, William Spora, Ben Standing, Nick Tancred, Jett Tarrant, Elten Walker, Grace Winter, Jasmine Zell.**

VALE SR PATRICIA RYAN

It was with great sadness that we received the news of the death of Sr Patricia Ryan, an outstanding teacher in the Bathurst Diocese for over fifty years. Sister taught here at St Joseph's from 1986-91 and she was amazing. Her love of God and the children was inspirational and her teaching ability, particularly reading, was second to none. Sister had a great love for verse speaking and her legacy lives on today. St Joseph's School will always be indebted to Sr Patricia Ryan. May she rest in peace.

KINDER ORIENTATION DAY

We had a great day on Tuesday as we welcomed our 2016 Kinder class. Twenty-nine students have enrolled in Kinder for next year and it was our pleasure to have these children 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.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

We had a great time at Allianz Stadium and the SCG. It was awesome to see the dressing sheds at Allianz Stadium and run down the tunnel onto the field. It was mad to go to the SCG Museum and to sit in the Members Stand looking over the fabulous oval where lots of famous cricketers have played. We can't wait to go there again! **Harry Spora, Will Sandford, James Kildey, Martin Fryers**

YEAR 5 POLICY SPEECHES

We wish all our 2016 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, 23 November

- 9:00 a.m. **Laura Smith, Billie Buckland, Emily Skinner, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Ashleigh Carlow**
11:20 a.m. **Mike Raglus, Heidi Purvis, Madison Hourigan, Mary Westwood**

Tuesday, 24 November

- 9:30 a.m. **Jett Grimshaw, Abby Tate, Tom Eason, Amelia Murray**
11:20 a.m. **Jacob Wilson, Thomas Durrant, Charlie Banks**

Wednesday, 25 November

- 9:00 a.m. **James Ferguson, Amber Tarrant, Olivia Ferguson**
11:20 a.m. **Hamish Beveridge, Aliza Purvis, Lachlan Riley**

'PASS THE POETRY PLEASE' SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

'Pass the Poetry Please' is a lively, totally engaging, visually rich theatre experience. It skilfully combines poems – past, present, slow, funny and sad, with costumed characters and baffling illusions in this colourful energetic performance that engages and stretches the imagination. The performance will be staged at school next Wednesday, 25 November.

YEAR 3 MASS

Year 3 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 26 November at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow Mass.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

The Sydney Aquarium was magnificent. We loved seeing all the under water sea creatures. We also loved seeing Nemo and Dori. Walking through the tunnel was amazing with a close up look at sharks, stingrays and dugongs! It would be a great place to visit again one day. **Milla Banks, Lily Naden, Zoe Welsh, Sinead Sutton**

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, 26th and 27th 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!

CWA PROJECT COMPETITION

Last week we reported those students who gained placings in this year's CWA Project Competition. Congratulations also goes to **Lucy Davis** who gained a Highly Commended Certificate for her Poster Project on Italy. Well done Lucy.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK

A Domestic Violence Awareness Day will be held in Miller Street next Wednesday, 25 November beginning with a street walk commencing at 10:00 a.m. This day of awareness hopes to encourage all people to speak out about domestic violence. People are encouraged to wear purple. The school supports this important initiative and if you wish to pick your child up, take them to the walk and then return them to school, could you please let Mrs Hodge know.

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, 27 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, 27 November is appreciated.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR NEW FREE SCHOOL APP?

Thanks to the generosity of our P & F Association we now have a school app to enable parents to receive school information instantly and directly to their smartphone. This app has newsletters, general school information, details of upcoming events and also has an absentee form which enables parents to let us know the reason for their child's absence. A flyer went home on Monday giving details of how to download the app. Simply search for School Stream from the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Play Store (Android) and download the app to your phone. Make sure you agree to push notifications. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type St Joseph's School Gilgandra into the search and select. If you have any problems, contact Mrs Hodge in the office. We strongly recommend this app to all our parents/caregivers.

DR ROSIE KING - GILGANDRA SERVICES CLUB

On Thursday, 26 November Dr Rosie King will be guest speaker at the Gilgandra Services Club. Both men and women are invited, with the evening funded under the Australian Government's Drought Assistance Package for Community and Social Support and organised by Centacare and House With Not Steps. Dr Rosie will talk about creating strong and healthy relationships. The evening includes a free dinner so RSVPs are essential for catering. Please contact either Louise (Centacare) on 68850277 or Emma on 68178750. There will also be free buses if there are sufficient numbers and they will be leaving from Gulargambone, Armatree, Collie, Tooraweenah and Mendooran – so RSVP for your seat on the bus too.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

While we were at Parliament House we got to sit in the chairs where the members of parliament sit - that was awesome! We didn't realise how different the two rooms were until we went to each of them- the red room was a lot fancier. **Tom Eason, Lachlan Riley, Jacob Wilson**

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Kaycee Bugmy for great improvement in learning sight words, Lucas Fong for thinking of as many 'th' words as he can and Brody Heffer, Darron Mulligan and Jonas Naden for great improvement in sentence writing.

YEAR 1: Carter Chapman for being a magnificent mathematician, Blake Fairey for an outstanding effort in Story Writing, Ryder Ryan for improvement in reading and comprehension, Grace Tancred for super spelling results, Rydah Whitehouse for being a thoughtful class member and Molly Nichols for an improved effort in learning sight words. **YEAR 2:** Jett Tarrant for working hard in Comprehension, Alana Elsom for always taking pride in her work, Jett Chandler for writing a terrific Dragon acrostic poem and Lucy McIsaac for being a kind and considerate class member. **YEAR 3:** Camilla Beveridge for showing reverence at our Remembrance Day Mass, Rhys Bonnington for being a brilliant problem solver in Maths, Isaiah McKenzie for an extraordinary effort in Spelling, Emma Westwood for using her creative thinking in Writing and Jade Elsom for being a kind and courteous member of Year 3. **YEAR 4:** Olivia McClelland for great fluency when reading, Jack Purvis for reading beautifully at our Remembrance Day Mass, Joshua Purvis for always completing tasks with a positive attitude and Sophie Hassall, Skye Bui and Oli Schier for working well in a group to prepare their concert item for the Wellington Caves Excursion. **YEAR 5:** Tyler Evans for fantastic results in Spelling, Lachlan Riley for improved expression when reading, Laura Smith for a conscientious approach to all tasks and Jacob Wilson for having a thorough approach towards policy speech writing. **YEAR 6:** Martin Fryers, Olivia Newstead, James Kildey and Alex Beveridge for being fantastic representatives of our school at Remembrance Day in Sydney, Lucy Davis for undertaking Year 6 jobs willingly and with enthusiasm and Emilie Hassall for being a positive and cheerful member of Year 6.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7 Year 3 Reconciliation

Friday, 20 November - 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
- Domestic Violence Walk
- 'Pass the Poetry Please' School Performance Tour
Thursday, 26 November - AEW Meeting
- Year 3 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 26 & Friday, 27 November - Year 4 Wellington Caves 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 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 2 December - St John's College 'Hit The Ground Running' Program
Year 5 Liturgy – 10:30 am.
Thursday, 3 December - Ear Bus
Friday, 4 December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

WEEK 10 Year 6 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 8 December - Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, 9 December - Kinder Cooee Visit – 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, 10 December - Leaving Families BBQ – 5:30 for 6:00 p.m.
- Social – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 11 December - Year 6 Picnic
- Infants Swimming ends
- Reports and Portfolios home
Sunday, 13 December - 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Christmas Carols in the Park

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week in Kindergarten, we have been learning about the 'oa' sound. The children had to think of words with 'oa' in them and then

had to match the correct words with the pictures. Next week we will be focusing on the 'ie', 'y', 'i-e' and 'igh' sound. As part of our reading lessons this week we discussed the story "Belinda" and brainstormed ideas of how 'Old Tom' could milk Belinda the cow so he could get his other jobs on the farm done. We also discussed what would happen if Belinda the cow was not milked each day. Many of the students shared what their jobs are at home. In Religion we read 'The Great Flood' and wrote sentences about who God saved in the great flood and what God's promise was to Noah. We also discussed the importance of peace in the world and what we could do to make it a peaceful world. In Science and Technology we read a passage about what boats used to be made from and how they move in the water. Then we looked at what boats look like today. In HSIE we looked at different needs that keep us healthy and safe and different wants to have fun. Well done to the Kinder children who are trying hard to be more organised with their things in the morning. Take care. *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 This week we have been completing lots of assessment tasks and revision activities in readiness for the end of the term. In Grammar we enjoyed looking at homographs and illustrated their different meanings, eg, stamp, watch, post etc. Time, money and tessellating shapes have been our focus in Maths. We need to work on recognising digital time. In HSIE we identified objects from the past and matched them with the objects we use today. Some of us came up with clever inventions for the future. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 This week we spent time in the church preparing for our Reconciliation Mass on Sunday and are all very excited to share this special celebration with our family and friends. In Maths we had fun throwing and measuring how far each of us could throw a ball, with the winner throwing a distance of 18 metres – wow! In Grammar we are looking at prepositions and in Art we put the finishing touches to our dragons and our paintings of castles. We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 This week we have been learning about decimals, fractions and converting units of measurement in Maths. In Writing we have written poems about each of the seasons and we have started to publish these for our portfolios. Our Grammar focus this week has been on the correct placement of apostrophes to show ownership. In PDH we have discussed the importance of wearing helmets when riding a bike. It sounds like Year 3 is looking forward to our final knowledge explosion tomorrow afternoon! Keep up the great work Year 3! *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 has been busy learning about connectives in Grammar this week. They have then used various connectives in the discussion they wrote. In Maths we added and subtracted decimals, revised contracted multiplication and used interlocking cubes to view the top, front and side of various 3D models. During Religion we began our 'Advent to Christmas - A Time for Journey in Hope' unit by discussing Advent and creating a nativity scene. For H.S.I.E we have completed a small research task on both the Wellington Caves and Burrendong Dam in order to prepare for our excursion next week. Have a great weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 This week in Year 5 we have been polishing off our policy speeches as we get ready to present them to the school next week. In Maths we have been doing some diagnostic testing as well as looking at dot plots and inverse operations. During Grammar we have been learning how to use a colon, semi-colon and hyphen correctly in our writing while in Religion we have been looking closely at understanding the various candles that are located on the Advent wreath, their names and what they represent. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 has been hard at work this week! In Maths we investigated Roman numerals and revised adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators. We have been working on writing narratives focusing on building suspense to create and maintain the reader's interest. We are going to publish these and create our own book of short stories. In Religion we have been learning the Ten Commandments and we have started our unit on Mary the mother of Jesus. Don't forget the free choice speeches need to be written onto palm cards by this Friday as they are to be presented on Monday, 30 November. We look forward to celebrating with Year 2 at Mass this Sunday - hope to see lots of people there! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 20 November – Jessica Whitehouse & Sarah Hickey
Monday, 23 November – Toni Fuller & Claudina Ryan
Wednesday, 25 November – Lorraine Hutchison & Sheree Staggs
Friday, 27 November – Alicia Heffer & Trish Henry

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 22 November – Harry Spora, Charlie Banks, Olivia Newstead, Amber Tarrant