



ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 7

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Thought for the Week

Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the way for the coming of Christ by reflecting, praying and letting God into our hearts.

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION CLASS

A beautiful Mass was celebrated in St Joseph's Church last Sunday during which the Year 2 children received their Reconciliation Certificates. Congratulations to you all and a big thank you to Mrs Schier, Miss Harvey and Mrs Banks for preparing the children so well. Our Year 2 Reconciliation class consists of: Tia Allan, Eva Bonnington, Sarah Chandler, Carter Chapman, Tahleigh Davey, Abigail Davis, Beatie Davis, Rani Diamond, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Alex Gaff, Declan Gale, Dakotah Gilmour, Kimbalee Gilmour, Taylor Hayes, Lochie Henry, Rhyann 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.

TERRIFIC TALENT QUEST

St Joey's certainly has some talented performers and this was evident to all at the Talent Quest held at school last Friday, 18 November. The children sang, danced, hoola-hooped and skipped. They were all magnificent. Congratulations to all our performers and thank you for a great afternoon's entertainment. Thanks also to Mr Soares, Mrs Banks, other staff members and our Year 6 leaders for ensuring such a successful show. Well done! Our talented performers included: Kimbalee Gilmour, Dakotah Gilmour, Abigail Davis, Emma Mills, Eliza Mudford, Molly Temple, Eva Bonnington Jordan Neeves, Laura Younghusband, Olivia McClelland, Tayarna McKenzie, Olivia Schier, Tom Staggs, Riley Fiddes, Ryan Cox, Amity Chapman, Emily Standing, Hope Jones-Copelin, Jessica Ibe, Lucy Kilpatrick, Jacqueline Hutchison, Eliza Larkin, Emily Zell, Molly Fairey, Madison Riley, Chloe Mudford, Mason Evans, Chelsea Brand, Alana Elsom, Cameron Davis, Poppy-Grace Newton, Georgia Tancred, Brooke Beaton, Violet Whitehouse, Evie Peart, Bradley Gibson, Millie Spora, Sienna Zell, Emilia Peart, Alison Mudford, Ella Mudford, Alyssa Ferguson, Sophia Peart, Rani Diamond, Aliza Purvis, Amelia Murray, Caity Neeves, Heidi Purvis, Billie Buckland.

NSW FIRE & RESCUE VISIT YEAR 1

Year 1 had a visit from local NSW Fire & Rescue Officer, Michael Hodge and the fire truck on Friday. Mr Hodge spoke to the children about fire safety and showed the children some of the clothing used by the firemen and equipment in the fire truck. Each child then received a special fireman lego set and colouring book. We thank Michael and the NSW Fire Brigade for his time and enlightening us about this important community service.

YEAR 5 POLICY SPEECHES

We congratulate our Year 5 students who so brilliantly delivered their student leader policy speeches to the school community this week. The standard was excellent and we are sure these students will again continue the Joey's tradition and be fine leaders in 2017.

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 Rhys O'Neill and James O'Neill who both made the Possibles v Probables games in basketball and Harrison King who finished 6th in the tennis. Special mention to Rhys who went on to be selected in the Diocesan Basketball team to play at the Polding Trials to be held in Newcastle on Friday, 10 February. Well done Rhys!

YEAR 4 CAVES AND DAM EXCURSION

The Year 4 students, teachers and parents left for their Wellington Caves/Burrendong Dam excursion this morning. Today they visited the Western Plains Cultural Centre, Wellington Caves and Phosphate Mine, Japanese Gardens and Bottle House. This evening they will book into their accommodation at the Wellington Caves, have a swim, tea, concert and games. Tomorrow sees the travellers explore the Giant Chimes, Fern Gully, Dam Wall and Spillway and the new Dubbo Waterslide.

MOORAMBILLA STARS

Two of our Moorambilla stars, Jack Oehm and Will Spora, will travel to Sydney this weekend to sing Christmas carols with the Moorambilla Choir at the lighting of the Christmas tree in Martin Place on Saturday night. Congratulations Jack and Will – we hope you enjoy this wonderful experience.

INFANTS SWIMMING

Our school based Swimsafe program begins next Monday, 28 November and concludes on Friday, 9 December. Those children enrolled in the program will need to bring their swimmers, towel and entry fee of \$1.00 (for those who don't have a season ticket) every day for the next two weeks. The children will be transported to and from the pool each day by bus, saving valuable time and energy. Could you please fill out the permission slip which was given to each child today, for your child to travel by bus, and return the note to school by this Monday, 28 November.

EAR BUS

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus will be visiting our school next Tuesday, 29 November to test children's hearing. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

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.

YEAR 4 MASS

Year 4 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 1 December at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Mass.

YEAR 6 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT NIGHT

The Year 6 Personal Development evening will be held at school on Thursday, 1 December at 6:00 p.m. All Year 6 students and their parents are invited.

KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION

The Knowledge Explosion, for all children in Years 3 – 6, will be held next Friday, 2 December and on Friday, 9 December. The Knowledge Explosion exposes the children to new activities that they may not otherwise have the chance to experience. This year the activities include: Woodwork, Mosaic Tiling, Cooking – Garden to Table, Cooking – Bon Appetite, Art, iPads, Robotics, Drama, Calligraphy and Welding. A special thank you to our community and school volunteers, Roy Duncan, Joe & Judy Shalhoub, Jenny Kilby and Michael O'Neill for giving up their time and sharing their expertise in these activities.

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 and haven't let us know, please do so as soon as possible so the children can start practising.

WHS

Our school WHS Management Plan for 2016 has been completed online. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy should contact the school office.

LEAVING FAMILIES BBQ

Those families leaving St Joseph's this year are invited to our Leaving Families BBQ to be held on Thursday, 8 December at 5:30 for 6:00 p.m. in the school grounds. This is our way of saying thank you to those families for their involvement with the school over the years. So bring the family for tea and please feel free to stay on while the children go off to the social. For catering purposes please RSVP to the school on 68472828 by next Friday, 2 December.

K-6 SCHOOL SOCIAL - Thursday, 8 December

All students are invited to our school social to be held at the **Gilgandra High School Hall** on Thursday, 8 December from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Parents are most welcome to stay or to leave their children at the social and collect them at 9:00 p.m.

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 next Monday, 28 November and finishes on Monday, 6 February, 2017. Information packs are available from Mrs Kilby in the library.

LIBRARY NEWS

This was the the last week the children could borrow books from the library. From next week the children will need to start bringing back all of the books they have borrowed so that a stocktake can commence.

HEAD LICE

There have been reports of head lice at school. Could you please check your child/children's hair and please treat if necessary.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Tuesday: **KINDER: Tilla Chandler, Mia Ferguson and Angus Johnson** for their wonderful preparation for reading at our Kinder Liturgy, **Te Mana Diamond** for his confidence and participation in class, **Makynli Hazelton** for great listening skills and **Mason Evans** for being a happy and enthusiastic learner. **YEAR 1: Stuart Wheatley** for sharing interesting facts about fire safety, **Darron Mulligan** for writing interesting facts about dragons, **Eliza Mudford** for great work in comprehension groups, **Jonas Naden** for enthusiastic participation in Spelling and **Emily Standing** for her detailed sentences in Sentence A Day. **YEAR 2: Carter Chapman** for great contributions to class discussions, **Declan Gale** for always 'Giving of His Best' in all areas, **Dakotah Gilmour** for taking great pride in all book work, **Ella Mudford** for working hard in Sentence A Day and Spelling and **Trinity Zell** for excellent improvement in Maths. **YEAR 3: Hayden Ferguson** for using a high level of vocabulary in Writing, **Alana Elsom** and **Dylan Tobin** for outstanding landscape drawing and **Elten Walker** for excellent reading. **YEAR 4: Thomas Dunn** for great work determining which conjunction completes the sentence, **Dylen Murray, Rhys Bonnington** and **Emma Durrant** for outstanding results in 'The Earth's Environment' Geography assessment and **Breanna Foster** for a top effort completing isometric drawings. **YEAR 5: Anton Davis** for a fantastic effort in our power writing activities, **Rani Diggs, Zac Ferguson** and **Bradley Gibson** for creating fantastic 'minion' artworks, **Marshall Fairey** for having a positive attitude towards all tasks and **Will Fuller** for working hard to improve his use of descriptive language. **YEAR 6: Billie Buckland** and **Ella McAnally-Elwin** for carefully designing their 'Bobble Head' artworks, **Lachlan Riley** for excellent work with conjunctions and **Abby Tate** for writing an amazing book review for our class novel.

WHAT'S ON

<u>WEEK 7 -</u>	<u>Year 4 Reconciliation</u>
Sunday, 27 November	- 1 st Sunday of Advent
<u>WEEK 8</u>	
Monday, 28 November	- Infants Swimming commences
Tuesday, 29 November	- Ear Bus
	- 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	- 2 nd Sunday of Advent
	- Christmas Carols in the Park
<u>WEEK 9 -</u>	<u>Year 6 Reconciliation</u>
Wednesday, 7 December	- Kinder Cooee Visit – 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, 8 December	- 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	- 3 rd Sunday of Advent
<u>WEEK 10</u>	
Monday, 12 December	- Year 6 Picnic
Wednesday, 14 December	- End of Year Mass and Presentations – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 15 December	- Pool Parties
Friday, 16 December	- Last Day Term 4

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten has been reading "Mr McGee" and we continue to learn about characters, the setting and the main idea of the story. In Story Writing we focused on how sentences are structured. In our sound work we have been listening for middle and ending sounds of words. In Science and Technology we continue to discuss what types of transport there are and how we can categorise different types of vehicles. During Mathematics we revised 2D and 3D shapes and used one to one counting. In Religion we discussed what things are man made in our environment and how we can look after things God has made. During PDHPE we discussed how we could cross the roads safely and who we feel safe with when crossing the roads. Take care. *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 This week the Year 1 students were very excited to hear all the policy speeches delivered by our fabulous Year 5 students. Our school will certainly be in good hands again next year. In Religion we began our unit about Advent. We discussed what we needed to do if we were preparing for a celebration in our own homes. Some examples included buying food, cleaning the house and inviting our family and friends. Advent also involves preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus. We enjoyed brainstorming interesting facts about dragons and writing entertaining information reports. Did you know some dragons eat Vikings and live under the sea in castles!! In Grammar we have been learning all about homophones and came up with some interesting strategies to help us remember what word to use. We completed our Maths portfolio task and explored 3D shapes, fractions and telling the time. I hope everyone has a great weekend. *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 A big thank you to Year 2 for a beautiful celebration on Sunday and thank you to all the families and friends who joined us. We have enjoyed hearing the Year 5 policy speeches and are sure all the 2017 school leaders will be amazing. We have continued completing assessments in Grammar, Maths, Geography and Religion and have written a description of a colourful clown in text types. Next week we begin the Intensive Swimming Program, so please remember to send you child with swimmers every day – with all this hot weather it will be a treat to cool off each day. Have a fabulous weekend. *Mrs Schier & Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 Congratulations Year 5 on your inspiring policy speeches – we are all excited and feeling confident about our future leaders! As part of our literature unit we have been reading some stories about refugees and Year 3 decided to help them by donating some money. They suggested that they go without some canteen money or do extra jobs at home to raise the money. Well done Year 3 on your generosity and compassion. In our writing this week we have focused on speech marks and paragraphs so that our narratives are well organised. During Maths we have looked at hundredths, cubic centimetres and sorting multiples in Venn diagrams. Keep up the great effort Year 3! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 We've spent this week learning about the 'v', 've' sound and suffixes in Spelling while our Grammar focus has been connectives. For Writing this week we've written an exposition titled 'The Best Superpower'. During Maths we have written, solved and related number sentences and we've estimated and checked our answers to various calculations. We've spent our time in Geography planning for our excursion and in Religion we've written out the Doctrine statements for our Advent unit. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 What a week we have had! Policy speeches for 2017 have all been presented and I am extremely proud of all the students – well done! In class we have spent some time writing procedures and are now looking at how we can change the language in these to add further detail. In Maths we have been focusing on enlarging 2D shapes as well as how to convert remainders from fractions into decimals. During Religion we have been looking closely at the church year and have begun investigating the traditions of the Advent wreath. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 This week we have written a narrative about an 'unknown gift'. Year 6 students were encouraged to use lots of imagery and to use interesting adjectives to enhance their writing. In Maths we have learnt about cubic metres, order of operations and the properties of triangles. We have reviewed the various topics we have covered in Grammar this term. In Religion we have been learning about Advent and what we celebrate at Christmas. Year 6 thought all the Year 5 policy speeches were of such a high standard! Well done Year 5. Have a great weekend. *Mr Soares*

CNTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 25 November – Phillipa Saunders & Kristy Gale
Monday, 28 November – Anna Mudford & Shalyn Chandler
Wednesday, 30 November – Lexine Mallison & Rachel Kirsop
Friday, 2 December – Briony Mills & Alicia Heffer

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 27 November – Will Fuller, Rhys O'Neill, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier

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