**Thought for the Week**

Each choice we make causes a ripple effect in our lives. When things happen to us, it is the reaction we choose that can create the difference between the sorrow of our past and the joy in our future.

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**ST JOSEPH’S SIDE SCHOOLS**

- **Term 1 Week 5**
- **25 February, 2015**

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**KINDER WELCOME LITURGY**

**Thursday, 5 March**

St Joseph’s Church – 10:30 a.m.

We can’t wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2015 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy to be held on Thursday, 5 March in St Joseph’s Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend especially the family and friends of the Kinder children and their Year 6 buddies. It is a fantastic celebration where we get to learn a little more about the newest members of the Joey’s family. Morning tea will follow the liturgy and we ask Year 6 parents to please bring a plate.

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**KINDER/YEAR 1 NURSERY RHYMES**

At the Dubbo Eisteddfod in June, Kinder and Year 1 children (six years and under) are invited to enter the singing section – Nursery Rhymes in Costume. In the past, children who have entered have enjoyed it greatly and gained much from the experience. If your child wishes to enter you must be prepared to take your child to Dubbo on the day and prepare the costume. We will help find a rhyme and teach it at school. If you wish your child to participate, you might also complete the tear-off slip attached to today’s newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school by Friday, 13 March.

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**TERM 1 FEES**

The Term 1 Fee accounts are with today’s About. Prompt payment of these fees would be appreciated. Bishop Michael McKenna has approved for all primary schools across the diocese, the transition to a single tuition fees for all K-6 primary students. 2015 will be the first year of this transition. The transition to the single fee will be applied to Kindergarten this year. That means that for 2015 the annual tuition fee for Kindergarten students will be the same as for students in Years 3-6.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

The new library bags have arrived. They can be purchased from Mrs Hodge for $4.00 each.

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**MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

On Tuesday, 10 March MacKillop College Bathurst is having an open day for Year 6 girls called the ‘Taste of High School’. All students are invited to attend for the day and there will be tours of the facilities for parents. Families just need to contact Mrs Kathy Ashley on 63382200 in advance to let the school know of their arrival.

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**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday. **KINDER** Lucas Fong for writing an interesting story about rainbow dragons, Justin Coleman for great counting to 10, Alicia Fordham for great skills in reading, Eliza Larkin for always being reverent during prayer and Isabelle Mudford and Jaida Tarrant for frequently contributing to the sound table. **YEAR 1**: Rani Diamond for beautiful manners and being organised in class, Sam Dunn
handwriting. Brooke Woollams for super spelling results, Millie Spora for always having well prepared news items and Beatrice Davis for trying hard in Grammar. **YEAR 2**: Jett Chandler for trying hard in Spelling. Nick Tancred for being an active participant in lessons, Billie Allan for great work in Comprehension and Harry Mudford for a super effort in Reading. **YEAR 3**: Jade Elsom for showing reverence at our Ash Wednesday Mass, Dennis Gale for trying hard to complete all set tasks, Ry Heffter for excellent work in Problem A Day, Chloe Mudford for always ‘Giving Of Her Best’, Aiden Walker for careful work in Comprehension and Daniel Kirspor for reading tricky texts carefully. **YEAR 4**: Tylah Anforth for completing all tasks with diligence and enthusiasm, Jessica Scholte for using imagination to complete writing tasks, Anton Davis for creating a lovely symmetrical snowflake and Mackaylah Ross for reading with great fluency. **YEAR 5**: Aliza Purvis for a fabulous effort in Sentence A Day activities, Mary Westwood for a mature approach to Year 5, Tyler Evans for working hard to get all activities completed and Jett Grimshaw for his enthusiastic approach to writing. **YEAR 6**: Kate Gilmour, Olivia Newstead and Alex Beveridge for writing detailed sentences in Spelling, Lachlan Fairey for reverence during prayer and Jye Day for a mature approach to his learning.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 5**
- Thursday, 26 February - Western Region Swimming Carnival - Coomamble
- Friday, 27 February - Clean Up Australia Day
- Saturday, 28 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 am.
- Sunday, 1 March - Years 1 and 4 Sunday Mass – 9-10:30 a.m.

**WEEK 6**
- Year 4 Reconciliation
  - Tuesday, 3 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival – Dubbo
  - Wednesday, 4 March - Support Teachers Meeting
  - Thursday, 5 March - Kinder Welcome Liturgy (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
  - Friday, 6 March - AEW Meeting
- Year 5 Reconciliation
  - Tuesday, 10 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival back-up date
  - Thursday, 12 March - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
  - Saturday, 14 March - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

**WEEK 7**
- Catholic Schools Week
  - Tuesday, 17 March - St Patrick’s Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.
  - Wednesday, 18 March - Grandparents Day
  - Thursday, 19 March - Eidetdfod Entries due
  - Friday, 20 March - Polding Swimming – Homebush
  - Saturday, 21 March - St Joseph’s P & F Debutante Ball

**KINDER**
This week in Kindergarten we have been learning what to include in our story writing. We are particularly focusing on capital letters, full stops and spaces between words in our sentences. Our reading this week, has been on the nursery rhyme ‘Humpty Dumpty’. Next week is revision week with our sounds. In Mathematics the children learnt new mathematical terms including area and sorting data. In our Science unit we discussed specific scientific weather words and what they mean and explored different symbols that are used to describe weather. In PDHPE we learnt the difference between active and passive activities. Students were asked to sort out different types of activities. Just a reminder to please bring in a paint shirt with your child’s name on it and if anyone has any magazines that are no longer needed, these would be appreciated. Take care - Miss Belinda Bourke **YEAR 1**
Another busy week has flown by in Year 1. We have been focusing on recounts in our writing and trying very hard to sequence our events correctly. We are also looking at some interesting facts about zebras. In Maths we are learning ‘count on’ when adding numbers to 20 and finding one half of groups. In PDHPE we discussed how important it is to be active and to get involved in fun games and sport. We are very excited about our Mass on Sunday at 9.45am and hope to see many of our family and friends there. We also watched a short DVD about the people in Fiji who benefit from our donations to Project Compassion. We are so lucky in Australia to have enough food to eat. In Art we completed some amazing looking tigers using water colour paints and crayons. Remember to keep reading at home each night and bring your Maths Manuals book in on Friday. Have a good weekend. Mrs Alison Newstead & Miss Lisa Harvey

**YEAR 2**
This week we enjoyed watching the Pixar animation, “Birds On A Wire” and writing a recount of the story. In Grammar we are looking at common nouns and in Spelling we are continuing to investigate the ‘bossy e’. As part of our Science unit, ‘School Yard Safari’ we are having fun learning about worms and snails – eeww!! We finished off our paper pirates with everyone creating a fierce pirate name for their artwork. Some of the ‘scary’ names included: ‘Captain Golden Tooth’, ‘Captain Hookface’ and ‘Captain Polkadot’, to name a few. Continuing with our pirate theme, each table has been named after a pirate ship and the ‘crew’ all work hard to score points to receive ‘treasure’ each week. Have a great weekend. Mrs Michelle Schier & Mrs Melinda Morris

**YEAR 3**
This week we have worked on the spelling rule ‘change a for fe to a v and add es’. In Grammar we have been working on learning about plural nouns. In Comprehension we have read about an interesting text called ‘Trumpet Troubles’. We have discussed the meaning of prayer, almsgiving and fasting in Religion. During our Maths activities we have learnt about multiplication facts, prisms, cylinders and measuring in centimetres. In Science we have identified different animals by describing their unique features. Our PDH lesson focused on the different food groups. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Damien Soares

**YEAR 4**
This week we have spent time preparing for our Mass on Sunday. A big thanks to all of you that can make it. During Spelling we are revising the sounds we have learnt so far this term and our spelling rule is the ‘bossy e’ rule. Our Grammar focus is ‘verb tense’ and in writing we have begun planning a description of our grandparent. During Maths we have worked on subtraction strategies, revised multiplication facts and made 3D objects using plasticine. HSIE this week has been about the consequences of British colonisation on Aboriginal Australians. Have a nice weekend and see you on Sunday. Miss Phillipa Smith

**YEAR 5**
We have made it to Week 5! This week has been extremely busy for our class and we are only up to Wednesday. In Grammar we are learning all about the use of verbs and trying hard to remember the new saying to go with it. We are powering through our writing as we start to complete expositions and I must say everyone has done a tremendous job. Year 5 has been also looking at speeches as we prepare, at home and in class, for our upcoming presentations. In Maths we have been looking at expanded notation as well as converting fractions to decimals. HSIE has seen us reflect upon the exploration of Antarctica by Sir Douglas Mawson and his party. Best of luck to all those travelling to Coonamble for swimming tomorrow. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Kealy

**YEAR 6**
In Maths we have been learning long division using the ‘Hands Bringing Down’ method. It is quite a challenge, however Year 6 is determined to get it right! We have also been investigating equivalent fractions and area of a triangle. Our Grammar focus has been verbs and we have been experimenting using more interesting forms of the common verbs we use every day. This will help improve the standard of our writing. In HSIE we have continued to learn about Antarctica and this week we have concentrated on the explorers and discovery of this isolated and frozen continent.

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
Friday, 27 February – Leanne Stephens & Donna Wheatley
Monday, 2 March – Penny Zell & Danielle Bonnington
Wednesday, 4 March – Sheree Staggs & Lorraine Hutchison
Friday, 6 March – Alicia Heffter & Suzanne Campion

**ALTERN SERVERS ROSTER**
Sunday, 1 March - Martin Fryers, Charlie Banks, Lachlan Fairey, Montana McGrath