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WORKING BEE TO CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
There will be a working bee for Year 3 parents to clean the church in preparation for First Holy Communion on Saturday, 1 June at 12:00 p.m. Please spare some time to help if at all possible.

MCMANEE MARVELS
Congratulations to our Years 5 and 6 students who participated in the McNamee Trophy held at Coonamble last Friday, 24 May. It was a fabulous day of fun, friends and fitness and we thank the students, staff, family and friends from St Brigid’s for being such fine hosts. The day began with a beautiful Mass in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. After Mass it was off to the St Brigid’s School Assembly Room for public speaking. All speakers were splendid including the St Joey’s trio of Emer Spora and Toby Cruickshank, ably supported by Ruby Schembri. Toby spoke about being short while Emer debated the pros and cons of siblings. Well done to Emer, Toby and Ruby who won the public speaking by the narrowest of margins. Next we were off to the Coonamble Sports Ground where the first event was the rugby league. In a very tight battle the bigger St Brigid’s boys just got over the tenacious Joey’s boys. Tom Flannery was awarded the sportsmanship medal. The girls then played two games of netball, a Year 5 and a Year 6 game. Again our teams were great, displaying outstanding skill and sportsmanship. The sportsmanship medals went to Mikaela Sandford and Montana McGrath. Our soccer boys excelled with a nil victory. Again the boys were fabulous all over the park. Deklyn Lummis won the sportsmanship medal. The final game of the day was the touch with our girls storming home late in the game. Another tremendous effort. Well done girls.

Andrea Chapman was named the sportsmanship medalist. Many thanks to the teachers for preparing and coaching the children so well, to all our supporters, to St Brigid’s School for organising such a great day, but most of all to all our Years 5 and 6 students for their fabulous school spirit and participation. We look forward to hosting the McNamee Trophy in Gilgandra next year.

SPORTING SUCCESS AT COONAMBLE
It was a fantastic day yesterday as 38 netballers and 31 footballers from St Joey’s participated in the sports day held at Coonamble Sports Ground. In the netball there were some very close games and some super wins. Great skill and school spirit was shown by all the players. Well done to the Years 3/4 ‘Jumping Joey’s’ who won their division. Special thanks to Gil High School students Meg Morris and Chelsea Miller who umpired for us and to Mrs Stewart and the parents whose help was invaluable. On the footy field the boys were great with both the Years 3/4 team and the Years 5/6 team making it to the semi-finals.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
St Joseph’s Church – this Sunday, 2 June – 9:45 a.m.
First Holy Communion Day is almost here and we can’t wait! The Year 3 class has been preparing themselves for this special day for a long time and it is exciting that the wait is almost over. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Joseph’s Church this Sunday, 2 June at 9:45 a.m. Hopefully the church will be full of family and friends and members of the school community. Please keep our First Holy Communion class in your thoughts and prayers: Charlie Banks, Hamish Beveridge, Billie Buckland, Ashleigh Carlow, Tom Eason, Tyler Evans, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Kieran Garvey, Jett Grimshaw, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Amelia Murray, Kaitlyn Norris, Aliza Purvis, Heidi Purvis, Michael Raglus, Lachlan Riley, Oli Schier, Emily Skinner, Laura Smith, Amber Tarrant, Abby Tate, Mary Westwood.

It is interesting to note that both these teams had a draw with the eventual winners during the day. Congratulations boys on a fine effort. Again thanks to the parents for their wonderful help.

POLDING SELECTION FOR NOAH
Congratulations to Noah Ryan who has been selected in the Polding Under 11’s Rugby League Team that will compete at the NSW PSSA Rugby League Championships to be held in Hoxton Park next week. Noah will be up against the best in NSW from both government and non-government schools. Well done Noah on reaching such a high level of competition.

GOOD LUCK INDIVIDUAL EISTEDDFOD PERFORMERS AND VERSE SPEAKING CHOIRS
We wish all the following children the best of luck in the coming week as they perform an individual item at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod. To get up and perform on your own already makes you a champion.

Kinder Nursery Rhymes: Hayden Ferguson, William Spora
Year 1 Poetry: Declan Garvey
Year 2 Poetry: Sophie Hassall, Bradley Kildey, Patrick Spora, Kelsey Hutchinson
Year 3 Poetry: Ashleigh Carlow, Laura Smith, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson
Year 4 Poetry: Alex Beveridge, Emile Hassall, Harry Spora, James Kildey
Year 5 Poetry: Harriet Beveridge, Caitlin Spora

Also best of luck to our fabulous verse speaking choirs. All the choirs are sounding absolutely beautiful. The timetable for next week is as follows:

Wednesday, 5 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.
Section 5570 – Years 1/2 – Infants (we are competitor no. 9 of 7 competitors)
Thursday, 6 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.
Section 5573 – Years 5/6 – Senior Primary (we are competitor no. 7 of 7 competitors)
Thursday, 6 June commencing at 11:30 a.m.
Section 5572 – Years 3/4 – Junior Primary (we are competitor no. 5 of 7 competitors)

Just a reminder that children are to wear full winter uniform which is as follows:

Girls: Maroon box-pleat tunic, fawn shirt, school jumper, brown socks, black shoes.
Boys: Grey pants, blue shirt, school jumper, grey socks, black shoes.

Thank you to those families who have returned the permission slip that was with last week’s About. We need all families of children from Years 1-6 need to fill in the permission/transport note which is again with today’s About and return it to school by tomorrow.

Friday, 31 May to enable us to organise transport. The cost of the bus for the eisteddfod is $5.00 per child.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS
The children may come to school out-of-uniform next week on the following days so that their uniforms can be sparkling clean for the eisteddfod. Even though the Kinders aren’t performing they can have an out-of-uniform day as well.

Tuesday, 4 June - Kinder – Year 2
Wednesday, 5 June - Years 3 – 6

Thought for the Week
The Eucharist is food that strengthens us to follow Jesus in our lives.
ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION
The International Competition and Assessments for Schools Science Competition will be held next Friday, 7 June for those students who entered this competition.

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: KINDER: Jasmine Zell for a great improvement in her writing, Alana Elsom for beautiful Religion work, Fletcher Jackson for always listening in class and Jett Tarrant for great work and contributions during our Japanese unit. YEAR 1: Isaac Grimshaw and Isaiah McKenzie for drawing wonderful illustrations of how we can help others, Luke O’Neill and Dylen Murray for writing creative comprehension responses about ‘Rhino Neil’ and ‘Tuscan Elephant’ and Oscar Spara and Rhys Bonnington for coming up with some creative addition problems that add to 12. YEAR 2: Isaiah Gleadhill and Laura Farragher for fantastic story writing, William Fuller and Marshall Fairey for their super facts about Japan and Tylah Anforth for beautiful expression when reading. YEAR 3: James Ferguson for always showing his highly accomplished reading skills, Amelia Murray, Olivia Schier and Amber Tarrant for beautiful title pages on ‘Eating Out’ in their Science books and Aliza Purvis for a consistent effort towards all class activities. YEAR 4: Ryan Carter for working hard in Maths Groups and Warm Ups, Olivia Newstead, Emilie Hassall and Darren Doherty for writing suspense filled stories about ‘The Storm’ and Lauchlan Bash, Jye Day and Martin Fryers for excellent expression and enthusiasm during eisteddfod practices. YEAR 5: Isaac Frost for always asking questions to clarify his understanding, Montana McGrath for a fantastic effort with eisteddfod practice and Kyle Walsh for continued improvement in all class homework tasks. YEAR 6: Tom Flannery, Will McEwen, Emer Spara and Henry Johnson for terrific work in Maths Operations.

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 5
Friday, 31 May - Principals Meeting
Saturday, 1 June - Polding Touch – Caitlin Carlow

WEEK 6
- Eisteddfod Week
- Year 5 Reconciliation

March 5
Tuesday, 4 June - Kindergarten Working Bee – Year 3 parents – Mollie Banks, Anastasia Newstead, Henry Johnson, Jacob Lunnis

KINDER
This week in Kindergarten the children have been learning about the letter ‘c’ and the children have been bringing things from home to put on our sound table that start with the ‘c’ sound. Fantastic work Kindergarten! During shared reading the children have been reading “The Fox and the Crow”. This book has many grammar features that we discuss and know about in class including speech marks, commas, full stops and question marks. In our lesson we discussed what ingredients were and what ingredients we needed to make salmon sashimi. The children enjoyed this experience and told me they were going to try to cook it for their families at home. In Creative Arts we have made paper bag clones and these can be seen hanging up in the classroom. I look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion with Year 3 on Sunday.

YEAR 1
We’ve had a great week in Year 1. We have been busy learning our poems for the eisteddfod and the ‘a’ sound as in ‘baby’ for Spelling. We have also been looking at a range of punctuation marks such as full stops, questions marks and exclamation marks. In texts we have started work on information reports by examining their purpose and structure and writing an information report about snakes as a class. In Maths we investigated 3D shapes and the shapes that join together to make them. We have also used an equal arm balance to compare the mass of various objects, different counting patterns and subtraction from addition. In HSIE we examined the bird nest. Have a fabulous weekend and I hope to see you at First Holy Communion on Sunday.

Mrs Smith

YEAR 2 was very lucky this week to have a visit from Mrs Ayumi Tamsett who taught us many interesting facts about Japan. She showed us how to use chopsticks, count to 10 in Japanese and read us a story. We were also shown how our names are written in Japanese. We really enjoyed her visit. We have continued to practise writing narratives. We used our imagination to write about “The Magic Chair”. In Maths we used the ‘jump strategy’ for addition and discovered how addition and subtraction facts are linked. Sunday is such a special day for our Year 3 buddies and our thoughts and prayers are with them as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion.

Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 3 All the children are so excited for our First Holy Communion this Sunday. Year 3 need to be congratulated on their hard work and commitment in preparing for this very special day. This week Year 3 has written their own narrative titled “The Magical Forest”. It was excellent to see everyone using paragraphs to separate their ideas and events. In Maths we have looked at perpendicular lines, bridging the decade and we have practised our dividing skills. I was quite proud to be a part of the Peachey/Richardson Football and Primary Netball Challenge at Coonamble yesterday. Everyone had such a great positive attitude towards good sportsmanship and playing fair. What a wonderful day!

Mr Soares

YEAR 4 Congratulations to the mighty Joeys for a fantastic effort in Coonamble yesterday – the school spirit shown was awesome! Throughout the week Years 3 and 4 found the extra energy to polish our eisteddfod poems and the students are to be commended on their enthusiasm and hard work! In the classroom, emotions and coping strategies were focused on in Religion as the class discussed bullying characteristics and understanding why some people bully others. We also looked at the power of friendship – no matter how old you are. Spelling centred on words containing ‘zz’ & ‘se’. In HSIE we looked at the role of early settlers as we discussed ideas about building a hut over the next few weeks. We looked at some hut models to give us ideas. Best wishes to Year 3 as they make their First Holy Communion on Sunday. Hopefully the church will be full with classmates, family and friends to help them celebrate this special day. Have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs Bray

YEAR 5 is currently super busy with a lot of things this week! After recovering from a great day at Coonamble last Friday many of the students returned yesterday to participate in Peachey/Richardson League or Primary Netball. From all reports everyone had a great time and were great representatives of St Joe’s. Learning about bullying in Religion has prepared us for our upcoming Mass in Week 7 and preparations are well underway. Fingers crossed we have a successful venture to the Dubbo Eisteddfod next Thursday - with all our rehearsals we are going to be amazing. I hope to see lots of Year 5 students at Mass on Sunday as we celebrate with the First Holy Communion class. Have a great weekend.

Mr Kealy

YEAR 6 What a fabulous day we had yesterday at the Peachey/Richardson Football and Primary Netball Challenge. The sportsmanship displayed by our teams was fantastic! In Maths we have looked at equivalent fractions and choosing the right unit of measure to enable our measurements to be more accurate. It is revision week in Spelling so we have been busy revisiting the previous four units, their sounds and rules. In Religion we have discussed the different types of bullying and our rights and responsibilities. Our thoughts and prayers are with Year 3 as they make their First Holy Communion.

Mrs Banks & Mrs Schier

CANTENE ROSTER
Friday, 31 May – Aliya Heffer & Katherine Gaff
Monday, 3 June – Elizabeth Cruickshank & Anna Mudford
Wednesday, 5 June – Sofia Ibe & Rochelle Godber
Friday, 7 June – Mel Phillips & Lorna Doran-Spora

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Sunday, 2 June – Mollie Banks, Anastasia Newstead, Henry Johnson, Jacob Lunnis