Thought for the Week

Being happy doesn’t mean everything is perfect, it means that you’ve decided to look beyond the imperfections.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES AT THE EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to the following students who performed an individual item at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod last week. To get up and perform on your own makes you a real champion. Well done!

Kinder/Year 1 Nursery Rhymes: Rhydah Whitehouse, Trinity Zell, Chelsea Brand – Highly Commended.
Year 1 Poetry: Will Spora – Highly Commended
Year 2 Poetry: Emily Zell
Year 3 Poetry: Bradley Kildey, Sophie Hassall – Highly Commended, Jennifer Ibe, Kelsey Hutchison, Patrick Spora
Year 4 Poetry: Laura Smith
Year 5 Poetry: Harry Spora, Emilie Hassall
Year 6 Poetry: Caitlin Spora – Highly Commended

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Joseph’s Church - Sunday, 22 June – 9:45 a.m.

The excitement is certainly building for the First Holy Communion class as this special day is quickly approaching. Our school community and parish are warmly invited to celebrate First Holy Communion at St Joseph’s Church on Sunday, 22 June at 9:45 a.m. It would be fabulous to have lots there for this great occasion.

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 next Thursday, 19 June at 2:00 p.m. Please spare some time to help if at all possible.

RHYS & PATRICK – CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS

Rhys O’Neill and Patrick Spora will represent the Diocese of Bathurst at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Championships to be held at Eastern Creek Raceway in Sydney tomorrow, Friday, 13 June. Congratulations boys on being selected in the diocesan team and good luck tomorrow.

GOOD LUCK NOAH

We wish Noah Ryan the best of luck as he takes on the best footballers in NSW at the NSW PSSA Rugby League Championships to be held at Kingscliff next week. Noah has been selected in the Polding team, a great achievement in itself. Well done Noah!

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joey’s Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval next Friday, 20 June. The back-up date in case of wet weather is Friday, 27 June. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6). We will need officials to help with the judging of the events and we will also need helpers to run the canteen. There was a note with last week’s About outlining all the jobs. Unfortunately we have only had three people offer to help at this stage. We desperately need more helpers and another roster is with today’s About. If you are able to assist in any way please write your name down and return it to school by next Tuesday, 17 June.

There is a special canteen lunch order for the Athletics Carnival which went home with all primary children yesterday. If your child wishes to order his/her lunch at the carnival you will need to return the lunch order by Monday, 16 June.

IT’S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Colwell on the safe arrival of their new baby, Katie Donna. Katie was born at Dubbo Base Hospital on Sunday, 1 June. Katie is a little sister for Heidi. Our very best wishes go to Donna, Mark, Heidi and Katie.

HALF YEARLY REPORTS – PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Your child’s half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family on Friday, 20 June. During the last week of term, on Monday, 23 June, Tuesday, 24 June and Wednesday, 25 June, the teachers will be available for parent/teacher interviews. If you require an interview with your child’s teacher, and I strongly urge that you do, please fill in the preferred day and time on the tear-off slip that was attached to last week’s About and return it to school by 6:00 p.m. and are set at 15 minute intervals. If you do not require an interview, please tick the appropriate spot on the tear-off slip and return it to school. An interview slip will be included with the reports advising you of the day and time.

ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING COMPETITIONS

The ICAS Writing and Spelling Competition will be held on Monday, 16 June and the ICAS Spelling Competition on Tuesday, 17 June for those children who have entered these competitions.

JUNE P & F MEETING

The June P & F Meeting will be held at school next Tuesday, 17 June at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CSIRO SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The CSIRO will be visiting our school next Thursday 19 June. Kinder – Year 4 students will be attending the “Force and Movement” show. This fascinating Science program explores the visual and mechanical effects of unseen forces like...
pushing, pulling, gravity, balancing and friction. Years 5 and 6 students will be attending a hands-on workshop investigating the systems of the human body. We are all looking forward to this exciting program.

**FINAL ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS**

Yesterday was the final Active After Schools session for this term. Active After Schools will recommence on Tuesday, 15 July, Week 1 of Term 3.

**MERIT AWARDS**

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

- Rydah Whitehouse, Trinity Zell, Chelsea Brand, Will Spora
- Emily Zell, Jennifer Ibe, Kelsey Hutchison, Sophie Hassall
- Patrick Spora, Bradley Kildey, Laura Smith, Harry Spora
- Emilie Hassall, Caitlin Spora

For fantastic individual performances at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 7**

- **Friday, 13 June**
  - Polding Cross Country

**WEEK 8**

- **Monday, 16 June**
  - PSSA Open Rugby League
- **Tuesday, 17 June**
  - ICAS Writing Competition
- **Thursday, 19 June**
  - P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, 20 June**
  - Athletics Carnival
- **Sunday, 22 June**
  - First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ

**WEEK 9**

- **Monday, 23 June**
  - NAIDOC Week activities
- **Tuesday, 24 June**
  - NAIDOC Week activities
- **Wednesday, 25 June**
  - Peachey/Richardson Finals
- **Thursday, 26 June**
  - Year 4 Hut Day
- **Friday, 27 June**
  - Last Day Term 2
  - Athletics Carnival back-up date

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Thank you to our family and friends who joined us on Friday to celebrate our Liturgy. We were so happy to see you all. This week we are very pleased to welcome into Kinder Miss Wallace from CSU Dubbo. Miss Wallace will be working with us for the rest of the term. In Religion we read the story of Pentecost and talked about how the Holy Spirit is always with us whenever we need help. We are reading an old time favourite book, “Mrs Wishy Washy”! We loved sequencing the story, reading it aloud and describing the character, Mrs Wishy Washy. In story writing we wrote some very imaginative stories about a castle and who we might find living there. During Science the life cycle of the frog has been our focus and we cleverly matched the words to the correct picture. Our sound next week is ‘Ee’. We hope everyone has a happy weekend.

**YEAR 1** A big thank you to all those who came to celebrate our Liturgy with us today. I think you’ll agree that the children did a fabulous job. This week we have learnt about the ‘ar’ as in ‘car’ sound and in Grammar we have revisited exclamation marks. For text types we have learnt all about frogs so we can write an information report about them. In Maths we have looked at addition patterns and area. I hope everyone has a fantastic weekend.

**YEAR 2** It sounds as if everyone enjoyed the long weekend with many students engaging in various activities. In Maths this week we completed testing and revised our multiplication facts using arrays. It has been very interesting hearing about our classmates’ favourite season during News and what activities they like doing. In Art we completed our fingerprint cherry blossoms and tried out our paper folding skills by making an origami kimono. Have a lovely weekend.

**YEAR 3** has had a very busy week. We have been busily finishing off our portfolio tasks. In Maths we have examined the kilogram, empty number lines and division whilst during Grammar we have continued to look at commas and when and how to use them. The information report is the new text type that we have been looking at this week. We have learnt how to structure information reports when writing about people, places and animals. In Science we have learnt that we need to have a balanced diet to be healthy. This activity led us to look at the ‘Australian Guide to Healthy Eating’. In PD we talked about our right to feel safe at home and school. We discussed how we can make others feel safe. Have a great weekend!

**YEAR 4** Everyone enjoyed their long weekend and it’s been very busy in the classroom. To link in with our Early Settlers Day, we wrote a procedure about ‘a good ole fashioned settler stew’ and there were some interesting concoctions, to say the least! Hut Day is fast approaching and we’re working on our draft speech ideas in class. Whenever the huts are finished please send them into school. It sounds like everyone has been putting a lot of thought into their designs. I can’t wait to see them. Keep Year 3 in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for First Holy Communion. Have a lovely weekend.

**YEAR 5** has been very busy this week as we continue to prepare for our Canberra Excursion next term. We have been learning lots of fun and interesting facts about the places we will visit and have been looking closely at important people in our political parties. In Maths we have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numerals. Grammar has seen us working on adverbial clauses and identifying these in some of our text types. Our portfolio work is well on its way to being finished so if you still have portfolios at home can you please send them back to school. Have a great weekend.

**YEAR 6** A short but busy week in Year 6! We have enjoyed listening to some more speeches and working on our descriptions for our portfolios. In Maths we revised adding and subtracting fractions and multiplying whole numbers with fractions. In HSIE we plotted our Canberra excursion trip on a map and discussed the importance of the War Memorial and what it means to us as Australians in remembering the sacrifice of all those involved in war. We began our frog inspired artworks for NAIDOC Week and created some posters to decorate the hall for First Holy Communion.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 13 June – Lara Zell & Amy Spora
Monday, 16 June – Carol Alchin & Sally Beveridge
Wednesday, 18 June – Emma Meyers & Nikki Church
Friday, 20 June – Brenda Purvis & Deanna Ferguson

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 15 June – Georgia Horan, Kate Gilmour, Matthew Ferguson, Olivia Newstead

**Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris**

**Mr Soares**

**Miss Harvey**

**Mr Keady**

**Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas**