Thought for the Week
Always end the day with a positive thought.
No matter how hard things were…
Tomorrow’s a fresh opportunity to make it better.

ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL FETE
Friday, 25 October – Only 1 week to go!
ROSTER
Accompanying today’s About is a second copy of the fete roster. We still have lots of gaps to fill! We need mums and dads to help so please put your name down. If everyone helps out on the day for just one hour, then all the gaps would be easily filled. The contributions made by the P & F to our school are so generous and every child benefits from these donations. So, come on, put your name down and please return the roster by next Tuesday, 22 October. Some people who have offered to help on a certain stall at a certain time may have been changed around. If there are any problems, please let us know.

CAKE/PRODUCE, TOMBULI, ‘EVERYONE’S A WINNER’
STALLS
Don’t forget donations to these stalls. They can only be successful if we receive goods to sell. Hopefully we will receive lots of goodies in the week ahead! Just a reminder there are containers in the office for parents to pick up to fill for the cake stall. Donations for the cake stall can be dropped in at school any time on the Friday.

PLASTER CAST PAINTING
We still are looking for a coordinator for this stall. We already have the plaster cast kits, we just need a coordinator to set the stall up in the afternoon. If you can help, please call Mel Ferguson on 0428 470303 or see Mrs Hodge in the office.

COW PAT LOTTO
At the fete each year we have a Cow Pat Lotto. We erect a yard with an area of 600 square metres. You then have the chance to purchase one or more of these one metre squares for $2.00 per square. A cow is let loose in the yard and if you own the square where the first dropping lands, then you win $500.00! All sold tickets need to be returned to school by tomorrow, Friday, 18 October.

COW PAT LOTTO TICKET SELLERS
We will be visiting the pubs and clubs next Friday night to sell cow pat lotto tickets. If you would like to help, please meet at the Tatts Hotel at 5:15 p.m.

ICAS ENGLISH AND MATHS COMPETITIONS
We had some excellent results in the ICAS English and Maths Competitions that were held last term. Congratulations to the following students who received their Certificates at Assembly yesterday:

English
Distinction: Emilie Hassall, Rebecca Gaff, Lachlan Fairey
Credit: James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Ella McNally-Elwin, Michael Raglus, Lachlan Riley, Grace Alchin, Kate Gilmour, James Kildey, Aiden Ryan, Mitchell Gaff, Georgia Horan, Ruby Schembri

Mathematics
Distinction: Emilie Hassall
Credit: Ashleigh Carlow, Ella McNally-Elwin, Amelia Murray, Michael Raglus, Martin Fryers, Rebecca Gaff, James Kildey, Aiden Ryan, Harry Spora, Jacob Lunmis.

CRICKET STORYTELLING COMPETITION
This competition was open to students in many dioceses in NSW. Children were asked to reflect on Christmas passages from the Bible, create an artwork depicting the images and mood of their chosen story and then write a description of their artwork. All of Year 6 entered the competition and three finalists from our school made it the Bathurst Diocesan level: Henry Johnson, Jacob Lunmis and Ruby Schembri. They received a beautiful wooden crucifix. Congratulations to these fantastic artists!

HORSE SPORT SUCCESS
Congratulations to Brook Bonus-Straub, Kayla Bonus-Straub and Jack Bonus-Straub who participated in the Baradine Central School Horse Sports held last Friday. All three rode superbly with Brook being Reserve Champion. Well done to Brook, Kayla and Jack.

OCTOBER P & F MEETING
Thank you to those parents who attended the October P & P Meeting held at school on Tuesday. New dictionaries were purchased for Years 5 and 6 and readers for Year 1 along with the P & F’s contribution to the continued upgrade of computers in the school.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM
Mrs Lorraine Short from the Catholic Education Office will inservice staff on the requirements of Assessment and Programming relating to the new Australian Curriculum. This professional development activity is being held after school today.

DIBELS TESTING
The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (Dibels) testing will occur for all children next week. This assessment helps teachers to assess and monitor the development of the children’s literacy and reading skills.

iPAD TRAINING
Mrs Newstead, Mrs Morris and Mrs Colwell will attend an iPad training day to be held in Coonamble next Monday, 21 October.

NAPLAN RESULTS
Accompanying today’s About are the Year 3 and Year 5 students’ NAPLAN results. If any parents would like to discuss their child’s results with their teacher please contact the school so we can arrange a meeting.

CRICKET COACHING
Children from Years 3-6 will be participating in a cricket coaching day next Tuesday, 22 October. This will be run by Cricket NSW coach, Matthew Tabbernor. Each class will have a 45 minute session on Tuesday.

YEAR 1 LITURGY
Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 24 October in St Joseph’s Church at 10:30 a.m. Morning tea will follow the Liturgy so please bring a plate to share.

SCHOOL BASED SWIMSAFE LESSONS
With the swimming season just about to begin our school is once again participating in the school based swimsafe program run by Gilgandra Learn to Swim. These lessons are for children from Kinder to Year 2 and are held during school time with qualified Austswim instructors. The children will be involved in the swimming lessons for ten days from Monday, 2 December to Friday, 13 December at a cost of $55.00 (this does not include pool entry). We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills. Enrolment forms were given to each of the infants children today and if you would like your child to participate, we need the completed enrolment form returned to school with the payments.
November.

WELCOME GEORGIE

We welcomed back Georgie Spora this week who is on work experience at school. We hope Georgie has a fruitful and enjoyable time back at St Joey’s.

MERIT AWARDS

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

**KINDER:** Billie Allan for being a great role model for others to follow.

Fletcher Jackson for writing some super stories during Writing. Jett Tarrant for excellent expression during Reading and Ryley Smith for always being a great role model for others to follow.

**YEAR 1:**

Bailey Wykes for settling into school at St Joey’s so easily, Tom Dunn, Kye Norris and Zahilla Proctor for fantastic work adding larger numbers using the jump strategy, Dylen Murray for a well structured holiday recount, Jade Elsom for thoughtful answers to comprehension questions and Kyzack Corcoran for a fabulous pirate artwork.

**YEAR 2:**

Breanna Foster and Jacob Harland for excellent singing in our concert, William Fuller for being the most amazing Scrat ever!, Anton Davis for beautiful manners and Ella Wykes for settling so well into Year 2.

**YEAR 3:**

Amelia Murray for a fantastic cinquain poem about kangaroos, Ashleigh Carlow for a fantastic cinquain poem about otters, Mikey Raplus, Laura Smith and Lachlan Riley for showing great perspective when drawing 3D shapes and Mary Westwood for neat writing in your handwriting book.

**YEAR 4:**

Emilie Hassall, Rebecca Gaff and Kate Gilmour for beautiful illustrations and neat writing in Religion, Lucy Davis and Darren Doherty for fabulous improvement in Maths Operations and Problem a Day and Sinead Sutton for being a considerate and caring class member.

**YEAR 5:**

Harriet Beveridge for outstanding results in Comprehension, Jack Bonus-Straub for great improvement in Maths, Mitchell Gaff for always being willing to help others and James O’Neill for his enthusiastic approach to all class learning.

**YEAR 6:**

Tony Crockett for great spelling results, Emer Spora for being the champion of Sydney Fast Facts and Caitlin Carlow and Carissa Harrison-Reid for beautiful Sydney excursion booklet covers.

WHAT’S ON

**WEEK 2**

Friday, 18 October - Georgie Spora – Work Experience

**WEEK 3 - Year 3 Reconciliation**

Monday, 21 October - iPad Training Day – Coonamble (Mrs Newstead, Mrs Morris, Mrs Colwell)

Tuesday, 22 October - Cricket Coaching

Thursday, 24 October - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 25 October - Fete

Sunday, 27 October - Sunday Family Mass – 9:45 a.m.

**WEEK 4 - Year 4 Reconciliation**

Tuesday, 29 October -

Friday, 1 November - Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion

Friday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-4) 10:30 a.m.

**WEEK 5 - Year 5 Reconciliation**

Monday, 6 November - Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, 7 November - Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

**KINDER** This week has been a busy week for our Kindergarten children. We continue to revise and learn our new sound of the week ‘ch’. The children have been writing some really great stories and learning about persuasive writing. During Science and Technology we have been discussing what makes a healthy environment. In our HSIE unit the children have been enthusiastic whilst learning about what ‘needs’ are. During Creative Arts we made chicks in eggs by colouring in with crayon and pencil and using the skill of chopping with paper. Take care. Miss Bourke

**YEAR 1**

What a lovely week it has been. This week Year 1 has been learning about the ‘ow’ sound and cow sound in Spelling and have continued our work on antonyms in Grammar by looking at various describing words and finding their antonym. For text types this week we have planned and begun writing a narrative about dinosaurs and pirates. In Maths we have looked at gathering and displaying data in a column graph, area, solving problems and number patterns. We have also been busy preparing for our ‘God Our Creator’ Liturgy next week which we hope to celebrate with many of you. Last week Year 1 created a fantastic pirate artwork with Mrs Thomas and we can’t wait to see what she has planned for this week. Have a great weekend.

**Miss Smith**

**YEAR 2**

Our focus in Religion this week was the parable of ‘The Lost Sheep’. We watched a video to help us remember the story. During Maths we practised ‘rounding off’ numbers and addition of tens and ones. We wrote expositions on ‘Which is the Best Sport’ and tried very hard to add elaborations to each of our reasons. Our PD/HPE topic this term is ‘Keeping Myself Safe Around Medicines’.

We read a scenario about a little boy who found his younger sister with an open medicine bottle and discussed what we might have done in a similar situation. Have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Larkin & Mrs Newsstead

**YEAR 3**

Today we had a wonderful time at the Western Plains Zoo. Year 3 learnt about animals and their habitats from our lesson at the education centre. It was fantastic to see all the children engaged and involved in this experience. This week Year 3 has started our Science topic, ‘What is Sound?’ As a class we have examined what sound is and came up with different ways to produce sound. In Maths we have looked at division problems that include remainders and we have also learnt about parallelograms and their properties.

What a busy week! Keep up the great work Year 3.

Mr Soares & Mrs Morris

**YEAR 4**

Did you know that Morse Code and semaphores have been used for many years to communicate messages? Year 4 has begun their Science unit with Mr Mus, exploring communication. In Maths we looked closely at the link between fractions, decimals and percentages and revised kilograms and grams. The Great Barrier Reef is one of the seven wonders of the world and we learnt some interesting facts about this gigantic natural coral reef in HSIE. Discussions are the text type focus for the next few weeks and topics raised so far have included class pets, homework and healthy foods.

Thanks to those children who have brought in tombuli bags for our fete – but we need more bags of goodies! Please send your tombuli bags in early next week if possible. “Many hands make light work”.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Bray

**YEAR 5**

It’s full steam ahead as we prepare for our Sydney excursion. This week Year 5 has been busy practising their interviews on the various locations around Sydney. We have also been learning lots of Sydney fast facts and begun our excursion booklets in class. The excitement certainly is building. During Religion we looked at the seven Sacraments and discussed how they are broken up into three categories: initiation, healing and service of communion.

In Maths we have been having a competition with Year 6 as to who can say our times tables the best. This has been lots of fun. We have also been looking at 2 digits multiplied by 2 digits, subtracting decimals, chance and nets. Our Grammar focus for the week has been on the prefix and suffix. We look forward to the fete next week and we remind Year 5 to bring in some goodies for the ‘Everyone’s A Winner’ stall. Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Ready & Mrs Colwell

**YEAR 6**

Only 12 more sleeps until we are off to Sydney! Our interviews are sounding good and we have been warming up each morning with our Sydney fast facts. This week we have focused on The Blue Mountains, Harbour Bridge and the Rocks. Our excursion booklet covers are looking terrific, featuring many of the famous icons we’ll be seeing in Sydney. During Maths we have been reading maps using coordinates, understanding timelines and practising multiplying by 2 digits. We have also been having some fun with Year 5 during Maths Warm Up – surprising each other with creative ways to say our times tables! Yesterday we enjoyed our visit to Gilgandra High School where we learnt all about what was expected of us in Science.

Mrs Banks & Mrs Schier

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 18 October – Christine Harland & Paula Purvis

Monday, 21 October – Kyle Welsh, Henry Johnson, Montana McGrath, Deklyn Luminus

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 20 October – Kyle Welsh, Henry Johnson, Montana McGrath, Deklyn Luminus

Friday, 25 October – Canteen closed for fete preparations

Saturday, 26 October – Fete

Sunday, 27 October – Fete

Monday, 28 October – Year 4 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 29 October – Sunday Family Mass – 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday, 30 October – Year 5 Reconciliation

Thursday, 31 October – Year 6 Reconciliation

Friday, 1 November – Year 3 Reconciliation

Saturday, 2 November – Year 2 Reconciliation