TERM TWO YEAR SIX UPDATE

ANZAC DAY
Early this term we held a beautiful Anzac service. The classes that attended were reverent as they reflected on the people who fought and died for us. The classes learnt what ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corp) stands for and we heard about Simpson and his donkey Duffy; about the poppies and we listened to the famous poem called Flanders Fields.

SORRY DAY
We had a short liturgy and we watched Kevin Rudd’s sorry address to the nation. Sorry Day recognises the sadness of all Australians for the ‘Stolen Generation’.

NAIDOC WEEK
This year's theme for Naidoc week is ‘Songlines’, respecting the stories and the cultures that link our Indigenous peoples. In class we researched some Indigenous role models including our own Mrs Pickett. Mrs Pickett is a Noongar woman who was born in Gnowangerup and has spent most of her life working in Education. Recently she was also part of a group that travelled to the USA to participate in a conference on Indigenous Education.
By Willow & Lewis

Constitution Centre Visits
We have had 3 presenters from the Constitutional Centre come and visit our class for 6 weeks to help us learn about the Magna Carta, Federation, making laws and the 3 Levels of Government as part of our HASS curriculum. Did you know there are two levels of parliament in Australia? These are the Upper House, also known as the Senate and the Lower House, known as the House of Representatives. The Constitution is a set of laws that were passed by the Commonwealth Government in 1890 and took effect on the 1st Jan 1901, when Australia became a nation. This was known as Federation and it happened when the 6 colonies came together to form one country.
By Zoe & Meer
**Derek Nannup Workshops**

Derek Nannup came to St Joseph’s to share his story and culture with the Year 6 students. We loved his workshops and learning about Indigenous culture. During the workshops we played a game called ‘Buddies’ where we had to join together in groups depending on the number that was called out. We also really enjoyed playing the ‘Scream’ game. In this game you had to run around with a partner while you were screaming. We listened to lots of stories and learned dances about Australia’s animals like the kangaroos, emus and the djiti djiti or willy wagtail. We also listened to the stories of good and bad spirits and learned the Spirit dance. On Thursday 16th June we went on an excursion to Coodanup College to share what we learned with the Year 11 students who had also been doing workshops with Derek. It was a great day. The Year 11’s shared two performances with us; one was about the Pinjarra Massacre and the other one was about hunting kangaroos. The art students also painted an amazing mural on the Pinjarra Massacre.

By Lily-Mae, Ebony & Sandy

**Lightning Carnival**

**Netball**

On Friday 24 of June all the Year 5 and 6 students went to Mandurah to participate in the Lightning Carnival. We played volleyball, football and netball. I played netball, we had 14 people in our team. It was a lot of people for a netball team seeing there was only 7 on a court at a time but it worked out just fine. On Friday we all squished into a bus to go to the carnival, we got there and it was really cold but we were ready to **play!!!!** When our first game started we were pumped and ready to go, we played together really well and we won our first game yeah!! But we still had 4 more games to play. Our next 3 games were easy and we won them all but our final game was a challenge. At the end of the first half we were coming a tie. We were all so nervous for the last half because both our teams had not lost a game. Guess what? We won and we took home the shield.

By Tessa
**Volleyball**
This term some of the Year 5 & 6’s went to the Lightning Carnival to play volleyball on Friday the 24th of June. At the carnival we had to stand in a particular formation with 1 tall person in the front row, middle row and back row. It was so cold our arms hurt every time we served but we played together amazingly and had lots of great rallies with the other teams. We won over half our games and Mrs Miller was truly impressed because most of us had never played volleyball before.
By Jake

**Football**
We went to Rushton Park to participate in a Football Lightning Carnival. We played 6 games and made it to the finals. Unfortunately we lost the finals but we could still hold our heads up high because we played really good footy and showed great sportsmanship. One of our awesome goals was scored by one of our captains. He was running along the boundary line and kicked it, the ball curled exactly right and we got a goal. He wouldn't have gotten the goal if one of his teammates didn't shepherd the opposition most excellently.
By Cambell

**Cross Country**
Year 6 ran 2.5km for this year's Cross Country. A great effort was made by everyone. The top 5 runners for the boys were; 1st Will, 2nd Oscar, 3rd Myles, 4th James and 5th Tom. For the girls 1st Milly M, 2nd Gracy, 3rd Tessa, 4th Amelia and 5th Zoe. The course was quite challenging especially getting up the hill 4 times. Year 6 were amazing at helping the younger classes, especially encouraging the little ones at the end to finish. We must have run about 10 km on the day.
By Will & James
WHEN I WAS YOUNG

Tales of Time Past
Our class was visited by two people who told us about how they lived around 60 years ago. Stan showed us how to use a stock whip. He also told us about life on an Australian farm. He told us how he had to milk a cow and how a hand turned machine separated the milk and the cream. The cream was used to make butter and cheese. He told us how to make chaff for the horses and how his dad was a top horse man. Verena told us about life in Switzerland and how they used to wash in the freezing river. She also told us about the seasons in Switzerland. Summer was a good temperature but winter was very cold and the river that they washed in froze over so they had to wash in a small tub. She told us about what it was like walking back and forth to school. She had to walk half an hour to get to school, on her lunch break she had to walk home for her lunch and then walk back to school. Life seemed much simpler back then.

By Jody & Keely

Zoom Conference on Writing Comedy Sketches
We participated in 3 zoom conferences, every Thursday just before lunch, where we learned about writing a comedy sketch. In one of these workshops our whole class presented a sketch called The Broken Window. We all had different excuses about how the window was broken and they were make believe and silly. Using what we learned about comedy from the zoom workshops we are now writing scripts for a Little Lunch competition.
**Fair**
In Term 2 our hard working P&F organised the school fair. Lots of kids from Year 6 helped out on many of the stalls, for instance some of them helped out with the lucky jars, fairy floss, sausage sizzle, plant stall, chocolate wheel and the donut stall. We also had an auction; each class painted a picture and our class created a beautiful piece of art called ‘Symbols of Harmony’. On the day of the fair the Poasa family won the auction for our art work but they donated it back to the school so we could hang it in the library and be remembered forever as ‘The Best Year 6’
By Te Uluaki & Milly M

**Dance Sport**
Every Thursday in Term 2 we have been dancing up a storm in Dancesport. Some of the dances were with partners and some without. One of the dances with partners was called the Cha Cha and one without partners was Electric Slide. We had to ask people to be our partners and we learned some great dances. Our instructor Mel helped us learn some very difficult moves and it was amazing how fast we got the hang of it.

**Disco**
This term’s Disco was pumping with music and people. We were lucky to have so many wonderful helpers in the cafeteria. We had an awesome D.J. He played amazing songs that got everyone dancing which was very exhilarating. The lights were blinding and the smoke was mystical, the outfits were popping with style. This terms sausage sizzle was delicious and the snacks were filling and made us hyper. Mr Papp joined in dancing the worm, which gave us the courage to get out there! We partied all through the night and when it was time to leave everyone was very disappointed.
By Rachael and Katelyn

**Our Blog**
This term, Mrs Miller signed Year 6 up to Kidblog.org to give us our own blog. We usually blog about things we're learning about in class or different ways to solve problems. We can do a lot of cool stuff like comment on other classmates blogs and read other kids blogs from around the world.
By Tim & Jake