Inter-School Athletics

On the 14th of September, children from year 3 to 6 went all the way to Mandurah Primary School to compete in the Interschool Athletics Carnival. We spent all day jumping, running and throwing. It was so much fun we all really enjoyed it and we got to meet a lot of new people. Highlights included Oscar winning a silver medal, Lewis coming 3rd in the 100m sprints and Gracy achieving first in her race. Our school won the Handicap Shield and overall we came second. That is an awesome achievement for a very small school.
Lewis, Oscar & Gracy

Interschool National Equestrian – Milly

On the 30th of June, Keely and I went to the Interschool Equestrian Championships. I placed 5th in the 45cm show jumping event, 3rd in the 60cm show jumping event and also third in the 60cm combined training event. I placed 3rd overall and got invited to Sydney to represent WA in the 2016 Equestrian Interschool National Championships. My pool pony (a horse that you borrow) was called Mr Chips and he was very handsome with lots of patches. When I rode Mr Chips he was so good and very cute, the people who owned him were also very lovely. I did my dressage test on Tuesday and on Wednesday I did my Show Jumping events. I came 14th overall and I was very happy with Mr Chips and myself.

First Aid Course

On Wednesday 7th of September, children in Years 2-6 participated in a First Aid Clinic. Members from St John's Ambulance Association came to St Joseph's to teach us some basic things to do if you are in an emergency. We learned things like how to put someone in the recovery position, DRSABC; what to do if someone is unconscious; how to clear a blocked airway and how to do CPR. The clinic was so much fun and I think we all learnt something very important. I am so glad that Mrs Miller organised this clinic, because now we know what to do if we come across someone who is hurt or unconscious. - Tessa
Circus

On Monday the 17th of October, the Year 6 class from Assumption Catholic Primary School came to St Joey’s and performed a circus for everyone. Some people were riding the unicycles, other kids were doing flips and walking on stilts. After this amazing show our class got to have a go on some of the equipment. I rode the unicycle and we learned to juggle. Walking on stilts was really hard work, I could barely get on them and stay upright. I really liked trying out the unicycle, balance board and the stilts. The fact is that the Assumption Circus Troupe have been practising since Term 2 so they have a lot of experience but it was fun all the same!

Will, Lily & Willow

Prayer Assembly

Our Prayer Assembly was awesome. We all had readings to do and we sang a beautiful song called ‘Sing Jubilee’. Rachael was the Holy Spirit and she dressed up in black and had blue streamers for the wind. It was a great reflection on the ‘Gifts of the Holy Spirit’

Lily

Numero Challenge Day- Bunbury

Numero is a very fun card game that involves utilising our mental math skills. At the start of the year Mrs Miller thought that it would be quite challenging to get two teams in the competition because the other schools have been playing for 2-3 years, but we did it!

Kyan

On the 18th of October Tessa, Katelyn, Te Uluaki and I went to St Mary’s school in Bunbury as Blue Team for the Numero Challenge. We did four different challenges-Individual Top Take, a mini Numero game, Team Top Take and Scramble. The aim of the game is to get the most cards in a set amount of time or until the deck runs out. We came 6th in Scramble and over all we came 7th out of 18 teams. Once you have learned how to play you can do crazy builds involving negative numbers, square roots and even the zero play. When the competition finished we went to a park and had lunch, played for a while then we went back to school.

Milly & Tim

On arriving at St Mary’s we were all so nervous, but excited at the same time because this was our first Numero Competition. Our first event was the Individual Top Take, we weren't all that good at the individual
events because we worked way better as a team. The time flew by really fast and before I knew it, it was the last event and we came third twice in our heat. After the competition ended we went to the park for lunch and played for a while then when back to school. We did such an amazing job seeing it was our first Competition and some other teams had been competing for 3 years. Yay for us!
Tessa & Katelyn

The Numero Competition really tested our teamwork and our knowledge of maths. Our first activity was Team Top Take where we made builds as a team. I would definitely go back to a Numero Competition.
Te Uluaki

Confirmation is when we are accepted into the church community as young adults. We each had to choose a saint that inspired us and would help us on our faith journey. We made a sash with their name on it and the symbols of Confirmation. Father Tony from Bunbury blessed us with the Holy Spirit. My favourite part of Confirmation was when we ate the cake that was made for us and had a big group photo.

On the 23rd of October I made my confirmation and the saint’s name that I chose was St Francis of Assisi. Millie, a friend from pony club, was my sponsor and she gave me a beautiful cross on a necklace. Fr Tony put a lot, and I mean a lot, of oil on our heads so I was oily for the rest of the day. It was a very fun, exciting and oily day. Everyone was dressed up and it was nice to see all the beautiful faces of my family and friends.
Milly

We were Confirmed a couple of weeks ago by Fr.Tony and Fr. Gayan. We had oil put on our heads and were filled with the Holy Spirit, then after mass we had a cake with our families. At home we had a special lunch.
Sandy

Two priests Father Tony and Father Gayan celebrated Confirmation and I rocked in my suit. It was cool to see all my family members there as I received the Holy Spirit.
Te Uluaki

We learned a lot about what the sacrament of Confirmation means and how receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will help us in the future. We had outstanding dresses and snappy suits so we looked nice for photos
and at the end of the ceremony we shared some cake. The thing I will always remember is the friends and family who shared my Confirmation with me.

Millie C

The most memorable moment of Confirmation was when Father Tony covered my face with oil. I will never forget that I got confirmed into God's family. It was fun to celebrate with my family and friends.

Tate

Children's Week Fun day

In week 3 we celebrated International Children's Week. On Friday the Year 6's set up some fun activities for the school to do. These activities included Capture the Flag, Rob the Nest, Basketball Cones and Farmer Sam. I organised Capture the Flag with Amelia.

James

My friends Tate and Gracy were in charge of the game capture the flag, we took turns explaining the rules of the game and we also took turns playing and being the umpire. After five minutes of playing at a station each group would rotate around to another station.

Brayden

All the groups rotated so they had the opportunity to experience all of the activities and in the end the group leaders rotated so they got to play all the games. There was 8 groups so we could balance out all the kids and we had an amazing day.

Myles

Genius Hour

This year we did Genius Hour, where we got to research a topic that interests us. I researched virtual reality but others like Te Uluaki researched concussions. The criterion was you had to have an essential question that went beyond just basic research. The catch was we had to teach the class about our interest and organise a class activity that supported our research. What I did was bring in my family's virtual reality headset; Kyan got us all kangaroo paws and taught us how to look after them and Tessa taught us how to talk in braille. We learnt about so many new things and had a great time doing it.

Tim.

Our class did a project called Genius Hour, this was initiated by Google for their employees to step out of their comfort zone and do something they were passionate about. Our class did the same thing, every Wednesday afternoon we would research a topic that we were interested in and then we did a presentation to teach others about our passion.

Kyan

We got to pick our own essential question; I picked, "What is a Marathon and what do you need to do to train for a Marathon?" We presented our research and all of them were great. Lewis showed us how to make hologram projectors for the iPads, so that it looked like the video was floating. Tom did Claymation movies, all of the clay stuck to you, it was awesome. Amelia did AFL Women's team and we got to design our own jerseys.

Will
Last term we had to plan a presentation called Genius Hour. It was hard to choose what subject but we all managed to plan and create an awesome presentation. It was fun doing each other's activities. My presentation was on permaculture but other people presented on breast cancer, drawing anime style, an orphanage in Bali, swimming and women’s AFL. It was probably the hardest presentation I have had to do.

Willow

For my Genius Hour project I did ‘My Life In The Philippines’. I showed the class all the places my family love in our country. My class activity was to draw the Mayon Volcano.

Sandy

For the past four weeks we presented our Genius Hour presentations, mine was about water pollution. We learned that we need to be cautious with rubbish and chemicals around water. My activity was making a water Aquifer and it was really fun.

Jody

We had lots of fun doing the activities after every presentation and I think the funniest activity so far was Tim’s because we used his virtual reality equipment. I learned a lot about so many different things but my favourite was making a hologram projector for my iPad.

Millie C

For Genius Hour I taught my class about Anime. Anime is a Japanese cartoon style of drawing that a lot of people all around the world create. I draw anime often and I find it fun and calming. I practice things like hair, eyes and the body figures. The thing that I find the hardest is the hands and shoes but practice makes perfect so I keep practicing. –Rachael

Over all the presentations were amazing. Everyone should be proud of what they competed. There were some amazing presentations and I liked them all. If I had to pick my favourites I just couldn’t!

Myles